Emergency notifications tested

Text security system requires student response; Connect-ED will send messages via cell phones

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame sent out a wave of text messages to more than 75 percent of students Wednesday, asking them to confirm their registration in the SMS portion of the University's emergency notification system — but the future success of this aspect of the initiative is contingent on the students' response rate, said Jay Steed, executive assistant to Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon Sunday.

Before the University conducts a full-scale trial run of its new mass notification system — which would serve to swiftly inform the campus of emergencies through e-mails, text messages and voice mails — mobile phone users had to confirm their willingness to receive these text messages, as required by most carriers. "The majority of cellular phone carriers will not send text messages to mass mailing lists without individual confirmation," Steed said. "Most carriers will not allow companies to create mass text message mailing lists unless they first provide an option for people to confirm they want to be a part of that or give them the option to opt out of that. It's not something the University chose to do on its own, but rather something Connect-ED asked us to do because many of the carriers require it." Connect-ED, the company Notre Dame contracted to send the text- and voice-based notifications to thousands of mobile phones, has an online interface where the Office of the Registrar can upload both the text and the recorded voicemail messages it wants to send out.

This service, Steed said, allows the University to keep control over the content of the messages that reach the recipients. "The majority of cell phone carriers will not send them to recipients as long as those recipients did not sign up for emergency alerts on their mobile phones would be receiving a text message from Connect-ED that was actually produced by the University. The e-mail said the text message would read: "Univ of Notre Dame: You have asked to receive SMS alerts from us. You must text reply 'YNBHSIE' to confirm this request." When students opened the message, they were asked to enter "Y NDIRISH" to confirm this request.

25th Domer Run fields hundreds

By KATIE STAAK
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross communities raced Saturday morning in the 25th annual Domer Run to raise awareness for ovarian cancer. The race, which is held on a designated away football weekend each fall, sponsors various types of cancer research, support groups and foundations.


According to the American Cancer Society, ovarian cancer is the eighth most common cancer in women. One in every 67 women in the United States will be diagnosed this year.

The event was established in memory of Barbara Link, an alumna and wife of Notre Dame Law School Dean Emeritus Dave Link. Barbara was a woman that liked women. She felt woman were not subservient to men and fought for freedom of equality. She was the first woman to make a bid for a chair in the Royal Academy but was denied the position because she was a woman.

Visionary car designer honored

Exner biographer delivers tribute to accomplishments

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

Notre Dame hosted a car show Saturday featuring the work of the late legendary Chrysler designer Virgil Exner. Exner was Chrysler's first vice president of styling and worked for the Studebaker Corporation, which was based in South Bend.

The event, coordinated by Notre Dame's industrial design program, included a show at the Stepan Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a 7:30 p.m. lecture at the Snite Museum of Art delivered by Peter Grist, author of "Two of Virgil Exner's car designs are on display outside the Snite Museum Saturday."

Lecture discusses cosmopolitanism

Speaker highlights idea's components

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Cosmopolitanism, a set of beliefs concerned with providing global justice and cultural acceptance, is a critical aspect of global citizenry and communication, Kwame Appiah, a keynote speaker at the gender studies program's conference said Friday.

Genocide, patriotism and world governments were recurring themes throughout the conference for Appiah, and fellow keynote speaker Martha Nussbaum, of the University of Chicago.

Appiah began by outlining the three core tenets of cosmopolitanism. The first is that there should be a global citizenry but not a world government. The second is that every world citizen should care about the condition of every other citizen. Finally, he stressed the importance of cultural exchange and conversation.

He spoke about how globalization has affected the "ancient"
Premieres please

Last May, in the midst of finals and pre-summer angst, we all took the time out of our busy schedules to cozy up on the couch with a full bowl of popcorn and engage in our most beloved TV shows' season finales. While some shows left us rather disapponted and unimpressed, others left us with mouths open, staring at the screen in a mixture of excitement and disbelief. Those shows most likely had some sort of mind-boggling cliffhanger that was entirely unexpected. It is these shows that we've been anxiously awaiting to return this fall.

For television lovers, this past week has been the highlight of the fall — the season premieres of many of our favorite shows (Desperate Housewives, The Office and Heroes, to name a few) as well as the start of several new, highly anticipated shows (Dirty Sexy Money, Private Practice, and Chuck). I daunt (unfairly) taking a fair number of "study breaks" this week for the premieres of my favorites.

I happen to be an avid fan of The Office and Grey's Anatomy, in particular. Understandably, I was rather conflicted when I learned that these two shows would now be airing simultaneously — The Office up on NBC and Grey's on ABC Thursdays at 9 p.m.

For those of you who share in an Office obsession, you can understand my eagerness to find out where Jim and Pam now stand. And for those who can't get enough Grey's Anatomy dramedy, you can see how essential it was to see how ABC would handle Izzie Washington's departure from the show, plus get an update on Derek and Meredith's relationship, of course.

Grey's Anatomy has made an aggressive move against its competitor, ABC, by moving its premiere into the 9 p.m. slot and extending the show to an hour long. I can't imagine I'm the only person in those shows' 18-to-45-year-old target audience who is now forced to choose between two favorites.

Surely, this seems to have been a wise move on NBC's part. While Grey's Anatomy causes The Office to number in viewers, Grey's has reportedly lost 20 percent of its viewership this past season. Lorre Conover, The Office's show runner, says The Office has ABC's best numbers and continues to attract more viewers every episode.

For those of you who choose to watch at 9 this past Thursday, I decided on The Office, knowing that I could view Grey's Anatomy afterwards. The Office was, without a doubt, my favorite show of the season. It certainly was a smart decision, being that the first episode was ridiculously hilarious as always. Could anyone have ever seen it coming that Michael would be shot by Meredith with a dart? All in all, I'd consider the premieres week a success. While I suspect some of the new shows may flop early on, I was quite impressed by the strong returns of my favorite shows. Perhaps an exciting television season can help compensate for our lack of entertainment on the football field this fall.

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Question of the Day: What's Your Favorite Form of Exercise?

I. Draining cups all night long, son.
   - Tom Sofer, sophomore
   - Megan Kritzmanich, sophomore
   - Tori Caprettoni, freshman
   - Christine Roetzel, freshman
   - Ana Franzonello, grad student
   - Erin Williams, sophomore

II. "12 ounce curls."
   - Madeline Nies, Graphics Editor

III. "Gymnastics, because I love the risk involved."
   - John Sullivan, sophomore

IV. "I love 'ab' exercises because they make me feel good about myself."
   - Rachel Cramer, sophomore

V. "The secret Twister death match that takes place every Sunday night at the Law School."
   - Madeline Nies, Graphics Editor

VI. "Dancing, but only on table tops in six-mans in Zahn."
   - Madeline Nies, Graphics Editor

In Brief

There will be an information meeting for international internships in Africa, Asia and Latin America tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Students. Internships are available to freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

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Prof questions perceptions of Court

Special to The Observer

Richard W. Garnett, John Cardinal O'Hara, C.S.C., associate professor of law in the Notre Dame Law School, suggests that the upcoming Supreme Court term will challenge conventional wisdom.

"Much of the commentary about the Supreme Court's last term has included the claim that the justices have made a 'sharp turn to the right.'" Garnett says. "In fact, the evidence does not support this claim. Even the high-profile cases involving racial classifications in public-school finance rules, partial-birth abortion, and speech in public schools were, all things considered, narrow in their scope and modest in their reach."

"The main reason the last term 'seemed conservative' is that the menu of cases the justices had before them included several issues on which Justice Anthony Kennedy — the new 'swing vote' — has well-established, fairly conservative positions."

"Looking ahead to the upcoming term, however, the menu is quite different. The justices have on their docket a number of cases — cases involving the detention of suspected terrorists, the regulation of child pornography, and the death penalty — in which it is likely that the more 'liberal' positions will win out. That is, that they will win out in Justice Kennedy's mind. When they do, will the end-of-the-year commentary conclude that the court has 'turned dramatically to the left'? Not likely, and nor should it." A member of the Notre Dame law faculty since 1999 and a former clerk for the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Garnett teaches courses on criminal law, criminal procedure, First Amendment law, and the death penalty.

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Hispanic bishops convene at ND

Special to The Observer

An informal meeting of the nation's Hispanic Catholic bishops was held at Notre Dame on Sept. 24-25.

The gathering was organized in consultation with the Bishops by John Cavadini, chair of theology and director of Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life (ICL); Rev. Virgilio P. Elizondo, Notre Dame Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology; and Rev. Richard W. Warner, C.S.C., director of Notre Dame's Office of Campus Ministry.

Among the topics discussed by the bishops were appropriate pastoral responses to the issue of immigration, the recent closing of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Hispanic Affairs; and proposals for new educational and catechetical ICL programs for Catholic Hispanic youths and Spanish-speaking seminarians.

Nine bishops attended the meeting, the third of its kind to be held at Notre Dame. They were Bishop Octavio Cisneros of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Bishop Raymundo Peña of Brownsville, Texas.; Bishop James Tamayo of Laredo, Texas.; Bishop Francisco Gonzalez of Washington, D.C.; Bishop Armando Ochoa of El Paso, Texas.; Bishop Gustavo García-Siller of Chicago; Archbishop José Gomez of San Antonio; Bishop Eusebio Elizondo of Seattle; and Bishop José Vasquez of Galveston-Houston.

The meeting concluded with a Mass concelebrated by the bishops in Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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Book analyzes World Social Forum

Special to The Observer

Jackie Smith, associate professor of sociology and peace studies at the University of Notre Dame, is the co-author of a new book recently released by Paradigm Publishers.

"Global Democracy and the World Social Forums' offers an analysis of one of the most important political developments of our time - the huge annual gatherings of social change activists collectively known as the World Social Forum (WSF).

The book "is a real contribution to the worldwide struggle for global justice," according to Yale University sociologist Immanuel Wallerstein. "It offers readers . . . insight into what WSF has been, what its internal debates and difficulties are, and how we might move forward."

Since 2001, the World Social Forum has drawn hundreds of thousands of people to annual meetings in Brazil, India, Venezuela, Mali, Pakistan and Kenya. This summer, Smith and another Notre Dame sociologist, Dan Myers, along with several undergraduate and graduate student-researchers, traveled to Atlanta to join more than 15,000 participants at the first United States Social Forum.

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Pictorial histories and presentations on Exner's iconic achievements were presented throughout the day in the Nester Center.

"The spirit of this event," said Virgil Exner, Jr., Paul Donell, a Notre Dame professor of art, art history, and design, said that players take a key role in bringing the Exner exhibit to Notre Dame.

Exner, Virgil, Jr., a Notre Dame alumnus, contributed to Notre Dame's being chosen to host this event because of his personal connection.

"The No. 1 reason for this event," said Donell, "is that this is an opportunity for the University to give back for all the years of 1940 and '50s. We owe it to Virgil Exner for creating a grand investment in Notre Dame."

Notre Dame students primarily staffed the car show, which featured 13 of Exner's designs.

"There's never been a celebration for Virgil Exner before," Robert Elton said. "I've been a fan of Exner's work since I was nine."

Exner's visionary designs include the Mark 1 tailfin and curved window glass, which has since become an industry standard. He foresaw with pride that cars of the future would be wedge-shaped.

Exner believed in beautiful designs with a practical function.

Peter Grist Exner biographer

"Virgil Exner believed in beautiful designs with a practical function."

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Link battled ovarian cancer before her death in 2003. Dave Link said a blessing over the runners in front of Monroe Krause Drive near the stadium tunnel before the race.

The runners were lined with signs displaying facts about ovarian cancer so the runners and spectators could understand the cause. Runners also had the chance to write the name of someone they knew who is dealing with ovarian cancer and tie the name to a teal balloon. The balloons were tied on an arch that lined the start and finish line of the race.

Runners had the opportunity to participate in either a three-mile or six-mile run, or a two-mile walk, all beginning at 10 a.m. Everyone checked in at Legends where they received a T-shirt for participating.

Last year's winner, Michael Rose, a sophomore at Notre Dame, won the 3-mile race again this year. "I run for the race, but I definitely support the cause," said Rose.

The race ended in front of the Hesburgh Library. "I thought it would be a good opportunity for the cause," freshman Grace Yeh said.

Many students and faculty, alumni and community members came out Saturday morning for the races. "I think it will be a good way to get involved on campus," freshman Sara Yuskio said. This year's run also marked another milestone for the Domer Run tradition.

Graduate student James Feiter became the first blind runner in the race's history. "I am definitely not a runner," he said, "I primarily swim. I’ve been a swimmer for years, but I thought I would try something different."

Feiter participated in the three-mile race. "Even people with disabili- ties can take a part in com- petitive activities, such as a race," he said.

Feiter's experience with the Domer Run proved to be a positive one, which may lead to more races in the future for him — if food is involved. "I might run another race if there is another free breakfast at the end, but I think I would rather stick to swimming."

At the end of the race, run- ners made their way back to Legends for a complimentary pancake breakfast, sponsored by Chase Financial.

Participants could register for the Run for $10 in advance or $15 the day of the race.

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ideal of [cosmopolitanism]," because citizens of the world have the potential ability to learn about and affect each other. He mentioned pollution, awareness of culturally differ- enting disease problems connected to the problems facing mankind, and the potential to affect social issues.

Theorists have so many effective solutions to the problems facing mankind that a single society could not implement them all, he said.

In the society, he said, was only important because of what it made possible, not as an end itself.

He sought to balance cultural sovereignty with different human rights. He quoted philosopher John Stuart Mill to assert that men should be free to make their own choices as long as they were moral consider- ably to their neighbors. Geneocide was another theme throughout the lecture.

"Feminism does not mean there is nothing wrong with men and intolerable," he said.

Ruth Abbey, the director of Notre Dame's Institute of Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, responded to Appiah's lecture, saying that cosmopolitanism calls for the "cavalier ... and very exciting position" of respecting those who do not believe in the equal dignity of others and will not reciprocate that respect. She also accused him of relaxing his position, especially the obligation of the world's wealth to the "poor.

Abbey said that one percent of the wealth of the tenth of the world could drastically reduce global poverty. Alex Neustrom, a junior at Culver Military Academy, was disappointed that the panel did not include scholars who were disagreed with the key tenets of cosmopolitanism.

"Respecting views was a core tenet of cosmopolitan- ism," he said.

The conference also featured Martha Nussbaum, who spoke on the relationship between cosmopolitanism and patriotism.

"Traditionally cosmopolitan has distrusted patriotism and the more appeals to national sentiment rather than global solidarity," she said.

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Martha Nussbaum keynote speaker

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Avelandena was a Cuban advocate for women's rights and an abolitionist who found inspiration from romantic writers.

"She was influenced by Victor Hugo and Chateaubriand, who was evi- dent in most all of her works," O'Brien said.

O'Brien noted historical influences from the conquest of Mexico and the leader of the Haitian Revolution, Toussaint Louverture.

"He made a book which was most heavily discussed, was published in 1841. It was Avelandena's most controvers- ial work."

"It was well received in Spain but immediately banned in Cuba," O'Brien said.

"Avelandena was a revolutionary author because she used themes of interlaced love and social divi- sions, such as slavery," O'Brien said.

"Sab" is the story of a slave who falls in love with his master's daughter. Avelandena describes how Sab, although a slave, is successful to the white characters in the book.

"The flow of identity comes not from the blood, but from the soul," O'Brien said.

"I have a friend who faced or is dealing with ovarian cancer for years, but I thought I would try something different."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Early election held to end standoff

KIEV — Ukraine’s pro-Western opposition parties made a strong combined showing in Sunday’s parliamentary elections and looked set to win a majority that could allow them to oust Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, an exit poll showed.

The election was timed to allow a last attempt to end a standoff between Yanukovych and President Viktor Yushchenko and set the scene for what could be years of infighting.

The independent poll showed Yanukovych’s bloc was the top vote-getter with 33.5 percent, but Yulia Tymoshenko, the fiery Orange Revolution heroine, followed closely with 31.5 percent. Yushchenko’s party was trailing a distant third with 13.4 percent.

Sudanese rebels kill 10 peacekeepers

HASKANITA — Rebel forces stormed a small African Union base in northern Darfur and killed 10 peacekeepers in an unprecedented attack on the beleaguered mission that threatened key peace talks set for October.

Several others were wounded and dozens were missing after about 1,000 rebels from the Sudan Liberation Army attacked the base in Haskanita late Saturday and eventually stormed it early Sunday. AU peacekeepers told The Associated Press in Haskanita.

The remaining AU peacekeepers were evacuated from the base under the protection of the Sudanese army, which routed the rebels out of the area. Some government troops could be seen plundering goods from the burned-out camp as an AU armored vehicle lay smoldering nearby.

NATIONAL NEWS

Former Congressmen goes on trial

SAN DIEGO — Defense contractor Kent Wilkes hosts a Web site, which he uses to kill his time while on the sidelines of powerful meetings of Congress while his company was raking in more than $100 million in government contracts.

The lawmakers who enjoyed the largesse were often the same ones who approved his deals. The only one to speak out was former Rep. Randy “Duke” Cunningham, who pleaded guilty in 2005 to accepting $2.4 million in kickbacks in the largest corruption scandal ever to strike Congress.

Wilkes goes on trial Wednesday to fight federal charges that he funneled more than $700,000 in bribes to Cunningham in the form of two prostitutes at a high-end Hawaiian dinner party.

He was discharged from the Army after being convicted of desertion in 1967 for leaving the service when he was up on charges of desertion and being a draft dodger.

Missing woman found in wreckage

SEATTLE — A woman who spent more than a week trapped in the wreckage of her vehicle has been upgraded to serious condition Thursday with kidney failure, a hospital spokeswoman said.

She was separated from her husband after surviving a head-on car crash in which four others were wounded and dozens more were arrested.

The remaining wanders who survived the crash were among public schools that offer such programs coming to the road and mobilizing enough people to topple the junta is zero.

People suspected of leading or organizing rallies continue to be arrested, he said, estimating that the total number could be as high as 1,000. With the main prison now overcrowded, people are now being detained in university buildings and educational institutes, he said.

Gambari was taken on arrival Saturday to Naypyitaw, the remote, bunker-like capital where the country’s military leaders are based. The White House urged the junta to allow him to have access to Aung San Suu Kyi — the Nobel Peace Prize laureate who is under house arrest — and ordinary Myanmar residents.

The crackdown triggered an unprecedented verbal flaying of Myanmar’s generals from almost every corner of the world — even some criticism from No. 1 ally China.

LOCAL NEWS

Indian officer accidentally shot

GWALIOR — An Indian army officer was cidentally shot at a gun range during marksmanship practice, police said.

Karnal Singh, 29, died Saturday from a single gunshot wound after a fellow volunteer officer’s gun accidentally discharged a 9-mm bullet into Singh’s chest, his party said.

Hammond Police Chief Brian Miller said Wednesday that the officer had been with the Gary force for more than 20 years, was struck in the arm and chest. Weaver was pronounced dead at a hospital a short time later.

“There’s apparently nothing here that indicates anything other than an accident,” Miller said.

S.C. first to use single-gender education

COLUMBIA — David Chadwell believes boys and girls can get through the awkward middle school years better when they’re separated, learning in classrooms tailored to the learning styles of each gender.

As the country’s first and only state coordinator of single-gender education, Chadwell is helping to make South Carolina a leader in an emerging movement among educators to offer such programs. About 70 schools offer the program now, and the goal is to have programs available to every child within five years, he said.

The theory is that by separating girls and boys — especially during middle school years typically marked by burgeoning hormones, self doubt and peer pressure — learning conditions can be more effective because they are in unique classroom settings.

For example, Chadwell explains, research shows girls don’t hear as well as girls, so teachers of all-gender classes often use microphones. And because boys’ attention spans tend to wander, incorporating movement into a lesson, like throwing a ball to a student when he’s chosen to answer a question, can keep them focused.

In one recent boys’ class, a group of gangly seventh-graders sprawled on the floor around a giant vinyl chart, using skateboard parts and measuring tape to learn pre-algebra. In a different school a few miles away, middle school girls interviewed each other, then turned their surveys about who’s shy and who has dogs into fractions, decimals and percentages. Classical music played softly in the background.

Teachers in all-girls classes say they’ve learned to speak more softly, because their students can take yelling more personally than boys. And the educators gear their lessons to what students like: assigning guitar parts to be played in every class, for example.
Students who provided Notre Dame with emergency cell phone numbers, the University expects mobile phones to become one of the more prominent avenues for warning students of any campus crisis.

"Students that don't send out a confirmation reply will not receive any additional text messages from Connect-ED in the future, but in the event of an emergency they will receive the e-mails and voicemails."

Joy Steed executive assistant to CIO Gordon Wishon

Besides the students who signed up to receive SMS alerts, Wishon said, Connect-ED will also handle the emergency notifications sent out to faculty and staff members. "The University has over 16,000 people in the system," Wishon said Sunday. "And the whole point of all this is to be able to contact as many of them and as quickly as we can to alert them of any emergencies on campus."

Some of the potential emergencies include tornadoes, lightning, dangerous gas leaks or even gunshots on campus. The plans and efforts underway to develop a systematic way of notifying the campus of any emergencies were only sped up after last spring's murders at Virginia Tech. A full-scale trial run of the entire notification system will be conducted later this semester, Steed said. "Right now we know the system works, that students get the text messages. But sometime later this semester there will be a coordinated effort within the University to test the entire notification system, which includes the text messages, the voicemail (messages) and the e-mails," Steed said.

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Senior receives honors from organization

Special to The Observer

Andrea Laidman, a Notre Dame senior from Alden, N.Y., is the recipient of national and state awards from Campus Compact, a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education.

Laidman is one of only five students selected nationwide and the second consecutive Notre Dame student to receive the Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award in recognition of her commitment to public service and for developing an innovative program to address issues facing the community. She will receive a $1,500 contribution to be used in a service program of her choosing.

Nationally, Campus Compact is a coalition of more than 800 college and university presidents that encourages the expansion and support of educational programs involving students in volunteerism and social service.

Laidman also has received the Richard J. Wood Student Community Commitment Award from Indiana Campus Compact, a member of the national organization that consists of a consortium of 31 Indiana higher education institutions. The Wood Award is presented annually to one student per university, based on his or her record of service and determination to positively affect his or her community.

A Presidential Scholar with a double major in political science and international peace studies, Laidman is the co-founder of Notre Dame Against State Killing (IND ASK), a student-led campaign for a moratorium on executions in the state of Indiana. She has served as a columnist and reporter for The Observer and worked abroad as a legal research intern for the Irish Department of Justice.
Tea industry sees drop in profit

Growers in northeastern Indian state suffer as competition rises and insurgency increases

Associated Press

DIBUGARH, India — He’s a gentle man, with a spreadsheet plantation house, county marmers and an estate of carefully tended tea bushes that stretches across the gentle hills of Assam, keeping the land as far as he can see. But the business of tea? It’s just not to ask.

Maj. Narender Jalan, a 60th-generation planter with a 5,000-acre estate, summed up his situation simply: “This is a rough business.”

“I was born here, in this building,” Jalan said, standing in front of a colonial-era house “tea is a huge deal for us.”

India has long been famous for its tea, and the $1.5 billion industry launched in British colonial times nearly two centuries ago is, after China’s, the world’s second largest. More than 1 million tons were grown in 2007, much of it here in the northeastern state of Assam.

But production costs are mounting and a brutal insurgency has targeted the planters. Globalization, with the spread of cheaper tea from countries such as Vietnam and Kenya, has increased competition. While there have been glimmers of good news recently — a $320 million revitalization package announced by the government, and an upick in prices from historic lows — the business is still at the bottom rungs of profitability.

“The tea climate changed since earlier generations of planters cleared the forests, planted the tea and built an enormously profitable industry.

“I must confess,” Jalan said. “They did a better job in the last 30 years than I have been able to do in our time.”

Planters, like Jalan, have families piloted the industry after independence from British 185 years ago, have been forced into a brutally competitive marketplace.

In one side are corporations that maximize profits through enormous scale, with dozens of estates and tens of thousands of workers. On the other side are the growing number of micro-producers, many with just a couple acres of land, that are increasingly powerful in the market. All are competing in a market where prices have fallen 30 percent in just a decade.

Then there’s the United Liberation Front of Assam, whose revolt has killed some 3,000 people over two decades, and helped turn the region into a backwater of unemployment. Planters have been prime targets — more than a dozen killed and at least 20 more kidnapped. Exortion payoffs, farmers say privately, are common.

Today, many prominent Indian women sort tea leaves at a garden in Jalukiate on July 5. The Indian tea industry has struggled as a result of high production costs, insurgency, and globalization.

Hollywood focuses on green energy

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — From “green carpets” to awards shows to organic fruit served to actors on sets, Hollywood is going all out to promote itself as being environmentally hip. But is it all just show?

No amount of public service announcements or celebrities driving hybrid cars can mask the fact that movie and TV production is a grizzly industrial operation, consuming enormous amounts of power to feed bright lights, run sophisticated cameras, and feed a cast of thousands.

Studios’ back lots host cavernous sound stages that must be de-conditioned to counter the heat produced by decades-old lighting technology. Huge manufacturing facilities consume wood, steel, paint and plastic to build sets that are often torn down and tossed out after filming ends. The energy guzzling continues on the exhibition side, too, with multiplexes drawing millions of kilowatts to power old-school popcorn machines and clunky film projectors that cash-strapped theater owners are reluctant to replace.

A two-year study released last year by the University of California at Los Angeles concluded that special effects explosions, idling vehicles and diesel generators may make the entertainment industry a major Southern California polluter, second only to the oil industry.

Still, financial and public pressures have resulted in many studios expanding their environmental efforts, doing everything from using a biodiesel fuel mixture to run the generators on the set of the Fox show “24” to converting Warner Bros.’ enormous set-building facility to solar energy.

“Public consciousness on this issue has changed dramatically,” said Kyle Tanger, a principal at Cleark Carbon Consulting. “The talent themselves are requesting it from some of the studios. And a lot of these things make economic sense.”

Economic benefits can come to studios, especially if switching to more efficient lighting or cooling systems or driving hybrid cars on location, which can save gas. Other projects, such as installing solar power, can take decades to pay off.

But there are other benefits that are harder to quantify. Besides the public relations angle, many performers and other employees want to work with eco-friendly companies, so it also helps in recruiting and retaining employees, Tanger said.
Theologian, Vatican at odds over doctrine

Associated Press

It’s not easy being a Roman Catholic theologian these days. Trying to explain a centuries-old faith’s place in modern times is hard enough. Now some Catholic thinkers worry the Vatican is more concerned with unity than messy debates that can lead to new ideas.

The case of the Rev. Peter Phan is the latest example of the tension between church authorities and Catholic theologians. A 2004 book by Phan, a Georgetown University professor, has come under scrutiny for going beyond the Vatican’s comfort zone in suggesting that other religions might have merit.

"Individual theologians can be creative, or they can be irresponsible," said the Rev. James Hoff, director of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California. "The exercise of central authority can be overbearing, or it can be a necessary corrective. So it’s a complex situation.

American Catholics and the broader public have good reason to care about what may look like an intramural squabble, Hoff said. Theologians often do the thinking that contributes to profound changes in Catholic teaching — on everything from the church’s relationship with Jews and other Christians to the role of lay people.

The conflict at the heart of the Phan case, he said, strikes at “one of the major questions of our time, especially in the coming decades. How can we speak of one faith expressed distinctively in a variety of cultures?”

Over recent decades, the Vatican has clamped down on theologians who advocate fighting poverty and injustice through the social gospel and liberation theology. More recently, the focus has shifted to the nature of Jesus Christ and salvation, one of the defining concerns of Pope Benedict XVI’s papacy and his previous work as a cardinal.

Earlier this year, Benedict released a document reaffirming the primacy of the Roman Catholic Church, restating themes in the 2000 Vatican document Dominus Iesus. That document stated that Christians are “in a gravely deficient situation in comparison with those who, in the church, have the fullness of the means of salvation.”

Phan explored salvation and other themes in his 2004 book, “Being Religious Interreligiously,” the focus of the Vatican inquiry. The Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said the book was “notably confused on a number of points of Catholic doctrine and also contains serious ambiguities,” according to the National Catholic Reporter.

Among the chief concerns, said the independent Catholic weekly that Phan’s writings could be interpreted as saying non-Christian faiths “have a positive role in salvation history in their own right, and are not merely a preparation for the Christian Gospel.” A committee of U.S. bishops is conducting a separate inquiry into Phan’s work.

The increasing diversity of Catholic theologians, Phan among them (he is Vietnamese-American), is greatly influencing the debate about Catholicism’s place among other religions, said Terence Tilley, chairman of the Fordham University theology department.

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**GERMANY**

Ethiopian marathoner breaks world record

Associated Press

BERLIN — Haile Gebrselassie broke the world record Sunday in winning the Berlin Marathon in two hours, four minutes and 26 seconds.

The 34-year-old Ethiopian lowered the mark of 2:04:55 by friend and Kenyan Paul Tergat four years ago by 29 seconds on the German capital's flat fast course, where six world records have been set.

In the women's race, his countrywoman Gete Wami defended her title in 2:23:17.

Gebrselassie picked up the pace over the last six miles, running alone without pacemakers, after being trailed by the record of half-a-down seconds at the halfway point.

His furious pace carried him through the giant pillars of the Brandenburg Gate in downtown Berlin and he broke into a smile over the sight of the years it became clear he would accomplish the final miles of his run in Berlin.

His arms flew up in triumph as he broke the tape.

"Today, there was a little wind, and otherwise perfect," said Gebrselassie, the world record holder.

The final miles last year in a failed bid at the record, settling for last year's fastest marathon of the year at 2:05:56.

This time, vowing again to break Tergat's mark, he opened his training mileage before the event. His record was also helped by a cool calm day.

"Today, there was a little wind, but otherwise perfect," he said.

The win helped him ease a painful memory, when he dropped out of the star-studded London Marathon in the spring.

Later, he was diagnosed with allergies.

"That was very sad. I could not sleep at all the night after that and this experience still follows me until today," Gebrselassie said.

Wumi picked up points in her bid to clinch the $150,000 offered for winning the first World Marathon Majors Series. The former Olympic 10,000 champion is locked in a battle for the prize money with Kenya's Priscah Jeptoo of Latvian.

Germany's Irina Mikitenko was second in 2:24:52 and Kenyan Helena Kiplagat finished third in 2:26:27.

Gebrselassie picked up $71,000 for the race and the same amount in a world record bonus. He also reportedly earned $357,000 in appearance money.

The Berlin Marathon is the fourth-largest marathon in the world, drawing 40,000 to the race and another 8,000 entries in special events.

**JAPAN**

History revision protested

Associated Press

TOKYO — More than 100,000 people protested Saturday in southern Japan against the central government's order to modify school textbooks that say the country's army forced civilians to commit mass suicide at the end of World War II.

Publishers of history textbooks were ordered in December to modify sections that said the Japanese army faced with an impending U.S. invasion in 1945 — handed out grenades to residents in Okinawa and ordered them to kill themselves rather than surrender to the Americans.

The amendment order came amid moves by Tokyo to soften brutal accounts of Japanese wartime conduct, but triggered immediate denunciation from residents and academics.

About 110,000 residents and politicians attended Saturday's rallies in the prefecture (state) of Okinawa, said Yoshino Utetsu, one of the organizers.

"We cannot bury the fact that the Japanese military was involved in mass suicide, taking into account of the general background and testimonies that hard grenades were delivered," Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima told a crowd gathered at a park in Ginowan City.

Accounts of forced group suicides on Okinawa are backed by historical research, as well as testimonies from victims' relatives. Historians also say civilians were induced by government propaganda to believe U.S. soldiers would commit horrid atrocities and therefore killed themselves and their families to avoid capture.

About 500 people committed suicide, according to civic group and media reports.

In recent years, some academics have questioned whether the suicides were forced — part of a general push by Japanese conservatives to soften criticism of Tokyo's wartime conduct.

The bloody battle in Okinawa raged from late March through June 1945, leaving more than 200,000 civilians and soldiers dead, and speeding the collapse of Japan's defenses. The U.S. occupied Okinawa from the end of World War II until 1972.

New textbooks for use in Japanese schools must be screened and approved by a government-appointed panel, which can order corrections of perceived historical inaccuracies. The publishers of seven textbooks slated for use in high schools next year had been asked to make relevant changes and submit them for approval.

An official of the Education Ministry said Saturday that the ministry has no immediate plans concerning the amendment. She spoke on condition of anonymity, citing policy.

Saturday's rally was the largest in Okinawa since the island was returned to Japan by the United States in 1972, Kyodo News agency said.

In 1995, 85,000 people took part in a rally following the 1995 rape of a schoolgirl there by three American servicemen, according to the agency.

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**CHINA**

Controversial ads banned from air

Associated Press

BEIJING — China has banned television and radio ads for push-up bras, figure-enhancing underwear and sex toys in the communist government's latest move to purge the network airwaves of what it calls social pollution.

Regulators have already targeted ads using crude or suggestive language, behavior, and images, tightening their grip on television and radio a few weeks ahead of a twice-a-decade Communist Party congress at which some new senior leaders will be appointed.

The latest move by the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television, or SARFT, also bans advertisements for sexual aids such as tonics that claim to boost performance in bed.

The notice indicated that regulators were concerned about the influence of Western imagery and outrageous or insupportable claims about some products' benefits or effectiveness.

"Illegal 'sexual medication' advertisements and other harmful ads pose a grave moral hazard," said a SARFT notice, issued in the past week and posted on the administration's Web site.

"They not only seriously mislead consumers, harm the people's health, pollute the social environment, and corrupt social mores, but also directly harm the credibility of public broadcasting and affect the image of the Communist Party and the government," the notice said.

China has already issued strict rules for TV talent shows using "amateur" stars. SARFT has ordered 11 radio shows off the air in southern and central China for talking too explicitly about sex or for broadcasting material of an "extreme pornographic nature." The regulators also have banned television shows about cosmetic surgery and sex changes, and a talent show that they deemed coarse.
Associated Press

The near doubling in the cost of a college degree the past decade has produced an explosion in high-priced student loans that could haunt the U.S. economy for years.

With scholarship, grant money and government-backed student loans — whose interest rates are capped — have taken some of the slack, many families and individual students have turned to private loans, which carry fees and interest rates that are often variable and up to 20 percent.

Many in the next generation of workers will be so debt-burdened they will have to delay home purchases, limit vacations, put off marriage and have fewer children. Those who do have children will find that they will have to delay starting families for years to pay back a loan that will consume a quarter of their income. Parents may retire at 70 and still not have paid off the loan.

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Hosting ignorance

The content of talk radio in the U.S. was particularly dismal last week, with two broadcasts by leading pundits that quickly turned controversial.

On the Sept. 19 edition of his nationally syndicated radio program, O'Reilly discussed his recent visit to Sylvia's, a famous restaurant in Harlem. O'Reilly said, "I couldn't get over the fact that there was no difference between Sylvia's restaurant and any other restaurant in New York City. It was exactly the same, even though it's run by blacks, I was primarily black patrons." O'Reilly continued to marvel at the lack of swearing and crude behavior he witnessed during his first meal at Sylvia's, "There wasn't one person in Sylvia's who was screaming, 'F-F, I want more iced tea.'... It was like going into an Italian restaurant in an all-white suburb in the sense of people were sitting there, and they were ordering and having fun. And there wasn't any kind of craziness at all."

On September 26, Rush Limbaugh called service members who advocate for U.S. withdrawal of troops from Iraq "phony soldiers." In an interaction with a caller on his nationally broadcast program, he and a caller distinguished between "real soldiers" defined as those who are proud to serve and who want to be in Iraq and the "phony soldiers" those active duty men and women who engage in desensitization with the war and the current structure of governance in Iraq.

These comments, on one level, are easily dismissed, both by their resemblance of Don Imus' remonstrations against localism and allowed ownership rules have tipped the scales against localism and allowed the few to indoctrinate the many.

The Center recommends enhanced national ownership regulations that quickly turned controversial.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Irish language a relic of the past

Kelsey Robertson, in her Sept. 27 letter to the editor ("Irish language hardly dead") contended that there are massive efforts to preserve the Irish language. After studying in Ireland for a year and living with three Irish women, I must respectfully disagree. Only one of my three roommates spoke Irish, and the one only because she was studying it in the University. Irish is a wonderful language, but it truly has become no more than a relic of the country's history. Sure, the road signs are in Irish, but this is mostly for the large volume of tourists that visit the country every year. The Gaelscoileanna are few and far between, and the language is taught in school as a foreign language — it's akin to learning Spanish in an American elementary school. Worst of all, young people in Ireland have no interest in the language. As the native speakers die out, who's left to resurrect the language?

While I did not attend O\'Tuathaigh\'s lecture, as a recent resident of the country I do believe that the decline of the Irish language is so severe that it won't be resurrected any time soon. I urge Ms. Robertson to immerse herself fully in the modern Irish culture — perhaps she'd agree with me.

Sarah Falvey
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U-WIRE

Green with envy

"That would be cool if you could eat a good food with a bad food, and the good food would cover for the bad food when it got to your stomach. Like you could eat a carrot with an onion ring, and they would travel down to your stomach, then they would get there, and the carrot would say, 'It's cool, he's with me.' This is a joke from Mitch Hedberg about offsetting the good with the bad, the idea that opposites simply counteract each other with no ill effects.

Our minds tend to work that way all the time — a bad deed is canceled out by a good deed, a brownie is canceled out by eating some celery, etc. This rationalization has recently been applied to a new trend called carbon neutralty, a movement to even out carbon emissions by reducing them in some other aspect of life. This is why instead of physically reducing your carbon emissions, you can just pay someone to get rid of all of your environmental guilt. Sweet!

Web sites like BeGreenNow.com offer carbon calculators to create an estimate of how much carbon you individually add to the atmosphere, and then offer a price for neutralizing that carbon for you. Companies can utilize different ways to balance out carbon emissions through wind turbines and other sources of energy efficiency, according to an article in The Los Angeles Times. And as easily as you could check out at a grocery store, your guilt for polluting the environment is lifted.

With just 12 easy monthly payments of $11.67, I could have saved in the fact that I wasn't adding to the pollution like some of my fellow citizens — but alas, I did not. While it's nice to think you can pay off someone to cover up the footprints left on the planet via pollution, it isn't really a solution to the problem of carbon emissions. Carbon neutrality doesn't do anything to reduce carbon emissions; it only aims to even out the end result. The problem is that we emit way too much carbon to begin with, so how is it really progressive to maintain the status quo?

Environmental change is a lifestyle change, and it can't be achieved if everyone simply wants to pollute the environment under the pretense that someone else will fix it later. You may enjoy eating that cookie after your healthy meal, but a diet isn't going to make you healthier if you find ways to rationalize eating unhealthy food. In much the same way, carbon emissions need to be reduced, and this does not happen without conscious efforts on our behalf.

While BeGreenNow does offer a list of ways to reduce carbon emissions that people should read and take into account — carpooling, using fluorescent light bulbs, etc. — to change their lifestyles so that they begin and continue to reduce carbon emissions.

Of course, some organizations use this money to fund renewable energy and other green-related projects, so I am not out to attack people for using monetary profit for environmental profit. However, this plan is not a foolproof one. We are dealing with carbon here, so the bartering system is a little more difficult to measure out. Carbon is a gas, not a solid or a liquid, so a lot of the estimates are just that — approximations — not to mention the calculator is only accurate compared to how precisely you know how much electricity and natural gas you use.

Carbon neutrality is as ridiculous as assuming that your body will cancel out the onion ring's greasiness because of the carrot's vitamins. Polluting the environment is still adding carbon to the atmosphere, whether you pay someone else to offset it or not. This is a problem that will only begin to subside when we make conscious efforts to reverse the effects we have had on the environment, not merely keep them at bay.

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I’ve got a fever, and the only prescription is... less Fever?

It’s true that you-eaters are probably incredulous right now. Your beloved “Fever,” your thirsty-thirsty haven of screaming conversations and long entrance lines, lambasted here in public. Hell, well, let me just say that it’s not personal.

I understand that Club Fever for Frat-Feve, or Club Fierro—what have you tried really hard. For starters, Thursday night is student night. That means that after a 30-minute wait in the outside alley, the friendly bouncer will let you in for only $4. Once inside, pay just $2 for a drink and spend the rest of the night getting screamed at by a semi-crowded 23-year-old. All the while, DJ OK-1 spins the hottest dance tracks this side of Memphis. Party on! Oh, but fun doesn’t end there.

This place is huge. Beyond huge. We’re talking 6,000 square feet of sweat-soaked, dance-crazed college students who love it. I like what the basement tries to do. This area has a large bar and pool tables—never mind there are only a handful of tables for the masses. But unfortunately, the basement pretty much lacks it while the night is still young.

Just as Fever was winning me over, they start to lose me again.

For a change of pace, head upstairs. Here we are—our own little slice of Euro-dub bliss in South Bend, Ind. If you haven’t been there, think remix heaven, club beats and lots of perspiring dancers. Throw in a few dance caps and you might as well be in Prague. The good news about Fever is you will almost definitely see someone you know. On a Thursday, this place packs them in like South Dining Hall on chicken fingers night. Everywhere you go, you’ll see a familiar face. The problem is that standing and having a conversation is next to impossible. In addition to the fact you’ll be screaming trying to hear each other, every third word will get interrupted by a drunken clubber tracking you like Mike Abtari. If you thought that 5’2”, 107-pound girl in your Gender Studies class couldn’t be a pain, just wait until she hits you like a freight train.

But it gets better. Club Fierro is located right in the heart of downtown. When the club closes at 3 a.m., the drunken masses pour out the doors to wander aimlessly around the streets of South Bend.

Fortunately, the area is very safe, and only three of my friends have gotten mugged this semester. Of course, this is hardly the Fever’s fault, but simply adds to the overall “charm” of the place. Derez and my friend from Fever, but truth be told, it’s just not my scene. But as far as Thursday nights go, there’s not much else to be had for a night on the town. I’m sure I’ve offended some of the Fever aficionados, so if you take exception to this article, feel free to contact me—my office hours are Thursdays, the basement of Club Fever, from 12 – 3 a.m.

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This past weekend, I had the privilege of showing the Sophomore Trip, a spectacular Campus Ministry retreat held in an undisclosed location. If I told you I’d have to kill you.

While I had a variety of things to prepare for, it was the only one of my major tasks that was putting together a mix CD for the sophomore to keep after we parted ways on Sunday afternoon. It was easy enough, in an age of iTunes and smartphones, right?

Or so I thought.

As I spent hours putting together what I deemed to be the best liked songs of my library, I realized that I was investing an almost unhealthy amount of emotion in the process. With other leaders’ suggestions and heated internal debates, I wanted to make this mix the laying on the table that was our weekend. Looking back, what I sought was much more than a collection of songs, I wanted this mix to be perfect.

The mix tape has been part of our musical consciousness since man first proved together songs of his choosing, outside of their original albums, with the invention of a newfangled object—the cassette tape. With this unassuming little device, music lovers and casual listeners alike were suddenly their personal designees, all in the privacy and comfort of their own homes.

Since those dark days of the 1980s, we’ve moved on to CD players, mp3s and other ways of creating mixes, but the art of the mix tape is still the same. You can tailor whatever songs you choose to the listener, all while putting a little piece of your heart and soul into the choices you make. This impeccable collection of songs is an extension of “you”—three-minute nuggets of music serving to sum up a message, a feeling or even a whole relationship.

In the musical “Avenue Q,” Princeton makes a simple mix tape for his friend Kate Monster. Kate, who’s interested in Princeton, analyzes the tape to try and understand the guy who made it. “I am the Walrus... Fat-Buttoned Girls... Yellow Submarine... what does this mean?” she says. When she hears songs like “She’s Got a Way” and “A Whole New World” on the tape, she can’t help but want to see a glimpse of Princeton’s feelings in the musical choices he’s made. To be honest, wouldn’t you do the same?

If your cute study partner from chemistry lab made you a mix CD, you’d be intrigued, even if you weren’t sure you were all that interested.

Why?

In a bookstore back home, I recently noticed Rob Sheffield’s memoir, “Love Is a Mix Tape: Life and Loneliness One Song at a Time.” In the book, whose chapters begin with a different mix, Sheffield says that a good mix “stains moments from all over the musical cosmos and splices them into a whole new groove.”

More than that, though, the book shows us what good mixes, or even music in general, can do for us emotionally. It’s as though the massive of each track sum up what words can’t get right—the nitty-gritty of us, the emotional guts of our bodies—and music is a way of conveying those things.

What I call “Mix Tape” series the best example of what music essentially is—nothing more than a collection of what’s around? But then I look at the retreat mix—how I stumbled upon Billy Joel’s “White House,” how Goldfrapp’s “The Scientist” fit perfectly with someone’s retreat talk, how we woke up the sophomore with “Life Is a Highway” each morning at sunrise—and I can’t help but think that there’s more to it than that.

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Not quite there

Despite inspired second half, Notre Dame fails to overcome 23-0 halftime deficit

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Notre Dame scored three second-half touchdowns, but the Irish fell to a program-worst 0-5 and Purdue held on for a 33-19 victory Saturday at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind.

Purdue senior quarterback Curtis Painter completed 22-of-37 passes for 252 yards with two touchdowns and a pair of interceptions. Purdue established its passing game after senior Kory Sheets ran all over the Irish in the first quarter. Sheets finished the game with 141 yards on 27 carries, but he was most effective in the first and fourth quarters.

Purdue became the seventh straight team to score at least 30 points against Notre Dame, but the Irish threatened late for the first time this season.

Junior quarterback Evan Sharpley threw his first two touchdown passes in a rally that saw Notre Dame pull within a touchdown with seven minutes remaining after falling behind 23-0 in the first half.

"We started feeding off each other a little bit, the line was blocking well and receivers were making plays," Sharpley said. "It was exciting to be on the field."

Sharpley took over at quarterback in the middle of the third quarter when freshman Jimmy Clausen left the game for good with a hip injury. Clausen picked up his first collegiate passing touchdown on his last complete drive of the game.

The freshman rolled out of the pocket on fourth-and-goal and found fifth-year tight end Terrell Vinsonn to the 14-yard line. Senior Terrell Vinsonn intercepted an ill-advised pass from Clausen and returned it to the Notre Dame 25-yard line. Six plays later, Chris Summers put Purdue up 13-0 with his second field goal of the game.

Nine minutes and one Boilermaker touchdown later, Irish freshman Armando Allen fumbled a screen pass which was picked up by Purdue on the Notre Dame 14. Summers added another field goal at the end of the drive, this one from 26 yards out, to put the Boilermakers ahead by 23.

But the Irish showed some fight.

"The bottom line is you can't come out and wait until half time to start playing the game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "Fortunately you fought back to get in the game, but really you lost the game in the first half."

Notre Dame's mistakes allowed Purdue to the 14-yard line and then found an open Dustin Keller for Purdue's fifth win of the season and first over Weis.

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players of the game

Kory Sheets
Purdue's running back had 141 yards on 27 carries and one touchdown and exposed the middle of Notre Dame's rush defense.

stat of the game

Total passing yards for the Irish: 377
Clausen had 169 yards and Sharpley had 208 to jumpstart Notre Dame's air attack.

play of the game

Dustin Keller's 14-yard touchdown catch from Curtis Painter.
Keller's touchdown reception with 5:33 left gave Purdue a 33-19 lead and killed any hope Notre Dame had of coming back.

quote of the game

"It could have gotten really bad or become a very competitive game, and it became a very competitive game."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Irish show their true colors

Notre Dame quarterbacks Jimmy Clausen, left, and Evan Sharpley combined for 377 yards on 34-of-52 passing Saturday. Clausen left the game with an injury in the third quarter, and Sharpley threw for two touchdowns in his absence.

Chris Hine
Sports Editor

West Lafayette, Ind. — If you fly on the wall of Notre Dame's locker room during halftime of Purdue's 33-19 win over the Irish Saturday, your eardrum — or whatever organ flies use to hear — is probably broken.

With Notre Dame down 23-0, a fed-up Charlie Weis let his team have it.

"This time, it was a little more rough at halftime because I just had about enough about going out there and being down 23-0 at halftime," Weis said. "And it was a collective effort, it was offense, defense, special teams ... but when you put yourself down 23-0, I had just enough of playing losing football and I told them they better be planning on trying to win a game."

The Irish had two options. Notre Dame could have half-heartedly played the second half and turned Saturday's game into Michigan, Part II. Or, the Irish could come out and show they have heart, regardless of the final outcome. The Irish chose the latter.

Yes, Notre Dame is 0-5, and yes, Saturday's game again showed there are problems on both sides of the ball. People much better than me at analyzing football have made that painfully clear. But this game showed something that had been hiding the first four weeks of the season — Notre Dame's character.

A team does not develop character if the quarterback does not have it, but Notre Dame has two quarterback options that play different depths. The game showed that Clausen is a team leader. And that elusive first win is going to come.

Despite the abysmal first half, the Irish could come out and show they have heart, regardless of the outcome. The Irish showed that character can win, no matter what the score.

Junior Evan Sharpley, twice passed over for the starting job, replaced Clausen with aplomb. Sharpley could have transferred or quit football to focus on baseball, and it would be hard to blame him. He realizes he will probably be the backup the next two years, but he is still on the team, fighting his time — and, most importantly, not complaining.

He didn't have to take a snap Saturday to prove his character, but he got another chance and made the most of it, throwing for 298 yards and two touchdowns in less than a half of play.

Sharpley and Clausen's determination filtered to the rest of the team and made them play inspired football in the second half. The offensive line protected well, and the defense kept the Irish on the field. The kickoff unit even had some fun Saturday.

The views of this column are those of the author and not necessarily of The Observer. Contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu

Adding up the numbers

Notre Dame's total passing yards in the second half. The Irish had 377 total for the game.

272

5 Running backs that have gained at least 100 yards rushing against Notre Dame this season.

110 Yards Notre Dame gave up on its 11 penalties.

161 Purdue's total offensive yards in the first quarter. The Boilermakers finished with 371 for the game.

10 National ranking of Purdue's total offense this season.

29 Sacks allowed by Notre Dame's offensive line this season. Purdue had two sacks Saturday.

34.5 Average net yardage of Notre Dame's kickoffs.

26.3 Percentage of third downs Notre Dame converted this season, good for 116th in the nation. The Irish were 5-of-16 Saturday.

Purdue running back Kory Sheets carries the ball while Irish safety David Bruton and cornerback Terrail Lambert attempt to bring him down.
The theme in particular senior Dorien were new. Once again, an opponent tore through Notre Dame's defense, yet a surprising second-half offensive surge ensured it got some rest in the second half. But in the first half, the defense had trouble containing its opponent, a phenomenon not uncommon this season but often overshadowed by the team's offensive struggles.

The problem was simple: Stack the box to slow the run and Purdue senior quarterback Curtis Painter would slide through the channeled secondary with three and four-wide receiver sets; play extra cornerbacks to take away the pass and senior running back Kory Sheets that would take advantage of the resulting holes. The Irish, with an undermanned defensive line and relatively slow linebackers, did neither. Painter completed 22-of-37 passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns and overtime by the team's offensive containing its opponent, a phenomenon not uncommon this season but often overshadowed by the team's offensive struggles.

"I think sometimes we put good pressure on him and there were other times where we could have done a better job," he said.

Regardless of the change in scheme, Purdue's athleticism proved to be the main factor in the defense's problems. Its receivers — in particular senior Dorien Bryant, who finished with eight catches for 62 yards and two touchdowns — was too quick for the Irish secondary to cover one-on-one,

"That's part of the spread offense," Ryan said. "They spread you out and that was a big part of it, spreading us out."

Purdue's defensive line only allowed two sacks on 37 pass attempts.

"I feel like we didn't get enough pressure," defensive coordinator Bill阶 said. "At some points, we were back there, but I felt like overall we didn't do a good enough job of beating them to the space and disrupting.

The Boilermakers showed an example of this weakness in the first quarter. After a running play lost eight yards and a sack forced a three-and-out, Purdue faced a third-and-29 on its own 16-yard line. On the next play, Painter found junior receiver Greg Orton on the right sideline, a step ahead of sophomore cornerback Darrin Walls, for a 40-yard gain that gave Purdue a first down on Notre Dame's 43-yard line.

"We were playing good, I thought, first and second down, too. We had them on third and longs, we weren't getting enough pressure up front and some guys in the back ends weren't making the plays."

When the Irish secondary was able to provide adequate coverage, Purdue switched to the run. Sheets had the middle of the field at his disposal and broke through the line for big gains. With the defense spread all over the field, no one remained to cover the middle, something Laws said was an important part of the spread offense.

"That's what they do. That's how they move the ball, they spread everybody out and find the middle," Laws said.

To further complicate matters, Purdue found ways to create mismatches and isolate Irish defenders, most often senior linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. and senior safety Tom Zbikowski, in unfavorable single-coverage matchups. Crum and Zbikowski found themselves covering the slot receiver or backs coming out of the backfield.

"They're just finding ways to get their playmakers the ball," Crum said. "They're just aligning them different places and just trying to create mismatches."

With 3:33 left in the game, Crum found himself covering senior receiver Dustin Kellner. Kellner got behind Crum and caught a 14-yard touchdown pass. Purdue also lost track of Sheets on a corner route out of the backfield that would have been a touchdown if Painter hadn't overthrown the pass. Senior wide receiver Jake Standeford managed to shake Zbikowski's coverage in the second quarter and again was open for a big play had Painter put the pass on target.

Crum said the hardest part of defending against the spread offense was its unpredictability.

"The ball can go anywhere," he said. "That's not just designed to go to one person. It can go anywhere."

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West and Stewart miss trip to Purdue

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sport Editor

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Notre Dame offensive lineman Dan Wenger and senior Chris Stewart did not make the trip to Purdue. Stewart was excused because of personal reasons, Notre Dame football radio director Brian Hardin said.

Taking chances
Notre Dame was 4-0-6 on fourth downs against teams including two successful conversions during its 79-yard touchdown drive to make the score 26-19 in the fourth quarter. Purdue senior running back Jimmy Clausen had a fourth-and-goal touchdown pass to senior tight end John Carlson in the third quarter.

Weis has gone for it on fourth downs 12 times this season, and the Irish have been successful on eight attempts.

"All these things have worked," Purdue turned two Notre Dame turnovers into six points in the first half. Both drives started inside the Irish 25-yard line. Opponents have piled up 43 points off Irish turnovers this season, while Notre Dame has 21 points on offense resulting from takeaways.

All or nothing at Irish
The Irish offense produced five game-winning plays of 20 or more yards against Purdue. Freshman Golden Tate had three long receptions (22, 26 and 43 yards), and sophomore Bobby Parris had catches of 24 and 21 yards.

Prior to Saturday's game, Notre Dame had only two passing plays that went longer than 20 yards.

Wake me up when September ends
Saturday's loss drops Irish coach Charlie Weis's record to 7-7 in the month of September. The coach also dropped to 6-7 when going up against a previously undefeated team.

Not-so-MoDest Maust
Sophomore Tailer Eric Maust started for the Irish and booted three kicks for an average of 44 yards per punt. Maust set a career high with a 45-yard punt in the second quarter.

They are merely freshmen
Tate and Duval Kamara both recorded their first career touchdowns against the Boilermakers.

Tate scored on a 25-yard touchdown pass with eight minutes remaining in the game. Kamara's score came on a 7-yard toss from Sharpley to make the score 23-12.

Kicking and screaming
Irish kickers Brandon Walker and Nate Whittaker failed to convert extra points on Notre Dame's first two touchdowns. Whittaker punched it through on his third attempt, but only after an offside penalty negated an earlier miss.

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First quarter

Drive: 0, 4:06 remaining. Driver: 0, 45 yards, 4:06 elapsed.

Purdue 10, Notre Dame 0

Chris Summers 27-yard field goal with 12:45 remaining.

Drive: 1, 54 yards, 4:15 elapsed.

Notre Dame 0, Purdue 10

Kyle Sheps 1 yard run with 3:46 remaining (Summers kick). Drive: 1, 9 yards, 3:43 elapsed.

Second quarter

Purdue 13, Notre Dame 0

Summers 34-yard field goal with 11:54 remaining.

Drive: 1, 9 yards, 1:18 elapsed.

Notre Dame 0, Purdue 20

Dorien Bryant 1-yard dive from Curtis Painter with 4:46 remaining (Summers kick). Drive: 11, 81 yards, 4:46 elapsed.

Notre Dame 3, Purdue 20

Summers 29-yard field goal with 2:16 remaining.

Drive: 11, 56 yards, 2:31 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 3, Purdue 23

John Carlson 5-yard reception from Jimmy Clausen with 7:55 remaining (Brendon Walker kick tied). Drive: 6, 37 yards, 2:06 elapsed.

Notre Dame 10, Purdue 26

Notre Dame 20, Purdue 26

Notre Dame 26, Purdue 26

Notre Dame 19, Purdue 26

Golden Tate 23-yard reception from Evan Sharpley with 9:42 remaining (Whittaker kick). Drive: 14, 79 yards, 3:44 elapsed.

Notre Dame 11, Purdue 26

Dustin Keller 14-yard reception from Curtis Painter with 3:33 remaining (Summers kick). Drive: 5, 39 yards, 2:20 elapsed.

Notre Dame 19, Purdue 26

stats

| rushing yards | 0:19 | 252 | 3:06 |
| passing yards | 0:26 |
| time of possession | 3:36 | 0:54 |

| Classen | 16-26-1 | 14-27-2 |
| Sharkey | 16-28-3 |

| Allen | 5-20 | Sheets | 27-141 |
| Jabbie | 4-16 | Dienhart | 6-49 |
| Carson | 3-18 | Painter | 5-1 |
| Aldridge | 9-5 | receiving |

Tate | 3-104 | Bryant | 6-82 |
Pariss | 7-73 | Kellner | 5-36 |
Kamara | 6-68 | Orton | 3-35 |
Dorien | 5-58 | Lyons | 2-28 |
West | 4-37 | Whittington | 1-24 |

| topping | 9-21 | Shepherd | 9-27 |

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| Zbikowski | 9-18 | Ferguson | 8-22 |
| Ryan | 6-69 | Denson | 5-5 |

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A half too late

Notre Dame (9-5) came out Saturday and fell behind quickly against Purdue (5-0). The Irish defense could not stop Boilermakers running back Kory Sheets and quarterback Curtis Painter. Meanwhile, Notre Dame’s offense only picked up four first downs in the first half. At halftime, Purdue was on top 23-0. The slow start was similar to the first half Notre Dame had against Michigan two weeks ago in Ann Arbor, but this time the Irish came out and played their best football of the season in the second half. Junior quarterback Evan Sharpley came in for an injured Jimmy Clausen and completed 16-of-26 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns. Wide receiver Golden Tate had three receptions for 104 yards and one touchdown, but Notre Dame’s comeback effort fell short. Dustin Keller’s 14-yard touchdown catch with 5:33 left iced Purdue’s victory and put off Notre Dame’s first win at least another week.

**The Reminder**

**Feist**

**Recommended Tracks:** "Past in Present," "The Park," "1234" and "Brandy Alexander"

Her tone ranges from the spirited to the subdued, and at times Feist even manages to put the "subtle" in "rhythm and blues."

**Recommended Tracks:**
- "Brandy Alexander," which features a slow, finger-snapping beat with pleasant piano chords.
- "The Limit to Your Love" carries an ominous, foreboding sound with a heavy, thumping tambourine beat overlaid with piano ivory and finished with a violin.
- On "Past in Present," Feist employs a vocal filter paired with a clap-along beat and makes good use of her variety of instruments including the piano, guitars, chimes, flutes and up-tempo hand-clapping and finger-snapping.
- With lyrics such as "sea lion woman dressed in black / wink at the man and then stab him in his back," Feist sings of a rather strange song about an apparently interesting woman in "Sealion."
- "The Water" is a slow cocktail lounge with more chimes, soft acoustic guitar and delicate piano playing.
- "The Park" actually sounds like Feist recorded it in a park, as birds chirp behind her guitar playing and sings about nature.

Feist has repackaged a variety of genres into a new, hip collection of songs. "The Reminder" is an album to remember.

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Lively Culpepper runs for 3 TDs in comeback

Gracie throws three picks as Detroit's scores record 34 points in final quarter to take down Chicago at home

Associated Press

MIAMI — As Ronnie Culpepper slipped across the back of the end zone, heaving-bounding in celebration of another touchdown, he surgically repaired right knee looked plenty sturdy.

It held up fine Sunday, when Culpepper ran for three touchdowns and threw for another against an injury-depleted defense for his first win in the NFL's first season with the Dolphins, and his breakup with new Miami coach Cam Cameron was bitter.

After winning in his first start for the Raiders, Culpepper said beating Miami wasn't priceless.

"The only thing I felt about is I didn't have a chance to show the fans here how much we wanted it," he said. "But now I had a chance to show them today, and I'm glad I was able to do that for them." Cameron and Culpepper met on the field for Miami, both said the conversation was cordial.

"You have to tip your hat when you're getting your rear kicked," Cameron said.

Miami's coach gas bigger problems than any lingering issues a quick quarterback. For the second time in four years, the Dolphins are off an 0-4 start. "I am concerned," Cameron said. "Nobody is going to run on us or hide." The Raiders, who won last week when Culpepper came off the bench to replace an injured Josh McCown, improved to 2-2 and head into their bye week with a very worrisome, slow offensive line.

"If it happens when it happens," coach Lane Kiffin said.

Culpepper led the Raiders out of the ball before the break, raising his right fist and punching the air as fans bosed. He was far from flashy against his old team, relying on a ground game that totaled 379 yards against an injury-depleted defense.

Justin Fargas replaced an injured LaMont Jordan shortly before halftime and ran for a career-high 179 yards in 22 carries.

"To break their will with the running game is a great feeling," Fargas said.

The Raiders' rushing total was their fourth highest since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 and their highest since 1987.

Atlanta 26, Houston 16

On this day at least, the Atlanta Falcons didn't need Michael Vick or Matt Schaub.

Joey Harrington threw a pair of touchdown passes to Michael Jenkins and 47-year-old Morten Anderson kicked four field goals for Atlanta's first win of the season over Schaub and the Houston Texans.

Harrington, who took over as the Falcons starter after Schaub was traded and Vick became embroiled in a dogfighting case, had another effective day by competing 23-of-29 for 223 yards. A week earlier, he passed for 361 yards in a loss to Carolina.

"We've got a little flow going," Harrington said. "So much of this game is getting on a roll, getting in a groove. We feel like we're starting to dictate what the other team has to do.

Jenkins hauled in scoring passes of 14 and 21 yards, his first two-touchdown game in his up-and-down career with the Falcons (1-3-1), who were one of five winless teams left in the NFL. In the 11 game six catches for 64 yards.

"These are some talented wide receivers," Harrington said.

Atlanta went 2-0 in the first half and guarded its lead the rest of the game. The Falcons (2-2) twice closed within a touchdown but couldn't come all the way back, losing for the second week in a row.

Bobby Petrino, the Falcons' first-year coach, picked up first NFL win. He wore a white cap — after going without any gray on his head the previous week — in hopes of changing the team's fortunes.

"I'm not any kind of mystic or anything," he said. "But I was watching the game, and we got a win. You'll probably see the white hat for a while.

Schaub was 28-of-40 for 317 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown pass to Andre Davis that gave Houston a short-lived lead in the first quarter. But the Texans couldn't punch to their other scoring chances, settling for three field goals by Kris Brown.

Detroit 37, Chicago 27

The balance of power in the NFC West hasn't moved an inch to the south. The Seattle Seahawks are still on top — just as 308-pound defensive tackle Rocky Bernard illustrated by landing right on top air power.

On this day at least, the Falcons didn't need the NFC's highest-scoring team to challenge them.

The Detroit Lions did it all in a record-breaking fourth quarter, scoring the ground, through the air on defense and special teams.

The new-look win took the place of a here-we-go-again loss for a team that used to be the NFL's high-scoring.

"Luck is turning our way," says Williams said after Detroit beat the Chicago Bears Sunday. "We're a 3-1 ballclub and not a lot of teams can say that.

No other team in league histo
can say they scored 34 points in the final quarter as Detroit did against the defending NFC champions, and no game included a combined 48 points in the fourth.

We collapsed as a team at the end of the game," Bears coach Lovie Smith said.

Chicago (1-3) led 13-3 after three quarters in a terribly played game before both teams scored three times as many points in the final 15 minutes.

"It was a big finish," Williams said.

The Bears insist they're not finished, even though their quarterback change backfired and their banged-up team is reeling.

"Our season is not over," Brian Urlacher said. "But we have to get better.

"We stuck right now," says Grice, starting in place of Rex Grossman, has three interceptions.

Seattle 23, San Francisco 3

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In Brief

Campbell makes comeback, wins Viking Classic

Madison, Miss. — Chad Campbell
righted his listing game Sunday with
a one-stroke victory over Johnson
Wagner in the Viking Classic, making
two birdies on his last three holes to
win.

Campbell was among six golfers
who held or were tied for the lead
Sunday at Annadale Golf Club.
He finished with a 3-under-par 69 —
the only member of that group under 70
to win after trailing two-day leader
David Branshaw by three strokes
entering the final round. Branshaw
was done in by a double bogey.
"I wasn't doing anything very well
to be honest with you," Campbell said of
his season, which included just 13 rounds
under 70 coming into the tourna-
ment. "At times I'd drive good, at
times I'd putt good. But I never put
everything together for 18 holes. I was
just trying to figure out what I was
doing well. This week it just clicked."

U.S. team wins tournament, earns Olympic berth

Valdavia, Chile — The U.S. women's
basketball team took a rarely used route
to get back in the Olympics.

Tina Thompson scored 18 points to
help the U.S. qualify for the 2008 Beijing
Games with a 101-71 victory over Cuba
Sunday in the gold medal game at
the FIBA Americas tournament.

"It feels great to win. We got the
monkey off our back," Thompson said.

The U.S. (2-2) was forced to qualify
for an Olympics berth for the first
time since 1980 because of a third-place
finish at the World Championships last
year.

"It feels great to get the berth to
Beijing and get this behind us," U.S.
coach Anne Donovan said. "I'm so
proud of how hard these women have
worked and how much it's paid off.
To play five games in five days and we
started with the best team in the tourna-
ment, we finished with the best team in
the tournament."

Competitors in ring become
counterparts in kitchen

ATLANTA — Evander Holyfield
once defeated George Foreman in a
battle for the heavyweight boxing title.
Now he is seeking to
oust his former foe from another
arena, the grilling world.

Holyfield is preparing to unveil the
"Evander Holyfield Real Deal Grill,"
a direct competitor to Foreman's
famous "Lean Mean Fat Reducing
Grilling Machine," which has report-
edly earned $100 million in sales
since 1995.

"I've got a George Foreman grill."

CirTran Corp., based
in Utah, approached Holyfield about
promoting a $99 grill after he
appeared on the TV show "Dancing
With The Stars" in 2005.
San Diego loss forces playoff for wild card

Associated Press

MIWLUKE — The San Diego Padres were in a pretty foul mood Sunday after blowing their second straight shot at wrapping up the N.L. wild card and it didn’t get any better once they got to the clubhouse, where televisions were tuned to the final outs of the Colorado Rockies’ victory over Arizona.

Vinny Castilla was the hero, getting the win on an upbeat note with back-to-back singles in the ninth, but Los Angeles also rallied in the bottom of the ninth to lose 3-2.

San Diego is now 90-70-1 and has lost six of its last seven.

“Vinnie hit his RBI single and got us in the lead,” manager Bud 黑k said the team’s mood was a little down.

Black started Tomko to fall back on in a 1.29 EHA in two starts against the Brewers Sunday, choosing to have to use the understatement of the year. "We feel good with Jake Peavy. "I know it’s going to be a long off season," said Black.

Jake’s going to win the Cy Young for a reason — he’s one of the best, if not the best, pitcher in the game," Padres pitcher Chris Young said.

"We’ve been swinging the bats and hitting the ball well. Our bullpen’s been throwing very well, minus a couple of games. But we’re in great shape."

Tomko (4-12) cruised through the first three innings as the Padres took a 3-0 lead and fell apart soon after that. He allowed five runs and five hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Doug Brocail threw a perfect ninth inning after giving up Gross’ triple, knocking out an infielder off of a shelf and missing his bat to the floor — another sign that the Padres were unraveling.

Can they forget about the last two days?

“We have to,” right fielder Brian Giles said. “It’s a one-game season now.”

Black said the team’s mood was OK despite the discouraging loss.

"Obviously when you fall behind, and fall behind by a number of runs, it can be deflating," Black said. "But our mood was, overall, fine. Guys kept having good at-bats.”

Jeff Suppan (12-12), pitched six innings to get the win as Milwaukee finished the season on an upbeat note with back-to-back comeback victories. The Brewers went 83-79 for their first winning season since 1994.

Still, they missed the playoffs — a disappointing end to the season for a team that held an 87-game lead in the NL Central in late June.

“We plan the way we would like other clubs to play for us in those situations,” Brewers manager Ned Yost said. “We were going to go full out. We feel like we owe it to major league baseball to give our very best effort even though we were eliminated.”

Mets finish year with loss

NY loses to Florida to end upset season in appropriate fashion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Following the last bewildering loss of a season gone sour, the defeated New Yorkers filed into their quiet clubhouse and packed for a particularly stark winter.

When they needed a big game, Tom Glavine pitched one of his best. And now, their collapse is complete.

After blowing a big September lead in the N.L. East, the Mets missed the playoffs Sunday when Glavine was battered for seven runs during the first inning of a season-ending 8-1 loss to the Florida Marlins.

"Something’s going to take a while to get over," said Glavine, maybe the last time in his major league career.

New York’s defeat coupled with Philadelphia’s 6-1 win over Washington gave the division title to the Phillies and sent the stunned Mets home wondering how they squandered a seven-game cushion with only five days of an excruciating season.

Now, David Wright, Carlos Beltran, Pedro Martinez and the rest of this talented team will forever be remembered alongside the 1964 Phillies and other famous failures with skidding to one of baseball’s most monumental collapses. It’s going to be a long off-season. I know I don’t want to experience it again," Wright said.

No major league team has owned a lead of seven games or more with 17 to play and failed to finish in first place. New York, which had that margin on Sept. 12, matched the largest lead blown in September. The 1934 New York Giants (Sept. 6) and 1938 Pittsburgh Pirates (Sept. 1) and also lost by seven games in the final month only to drop in a fatal tail-slip.

A win Sunday not only would have kept the Mets even with Philadelphia and forced a one-game playoff for the division title, it would have tied them for the title with Colorado and San Diego for the wild card. So they would have had two ways to reach the postseason.

Instead, the Mets lost six of their final seven games — all at home — and are out.

“Everyone’s definitely numb,” Shawn Green said. “To say disappointed would be the understatement of the year.

Philadelphia swept a three-game series at Shea Stadium from Sept. 14-16 — giving the Phillies win in the final eight meetings between the teams. That started a slide the Mets never recovered from. They even lost star slugger Carlos Delgado in the season finale to a broken hand.

Doomed by inadequate starting pitching and a leaky, exhausted bullpen, New York dropped 12 of its last 17 games, committing 21 errors in the process. The Mets’ ERA during the slide was 5.96, third worst in the majors over that span.

“The harder we pushed, the worse it got,” closer Billy Wagner said as he packed a bag at his locker.

When Luis Castillo struck out and ended New York’s latest backlash with a towering flyout, manager Willie Randolph said. “It’s just a tough life lesson in baseball.

It was one of the darkest days for a franchise that prided itself on the postseason. The Mets had been to the play-in game, as the Hockies’ victory over Arizona.

“Despite those positives, starting with Peavy’s 10-1 record and 2.20 ERA over his last 13 starts. "Jake’s going to win the Cy Young for a reason — he’s one of the best, if not the best, pitcher in the game," Padres pitcher Chris Young said.

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“We plan the way we would like other clubs to play for us in those situations,” Brewers manager Ned Yost said. “We were going to go full out. We feel like we owe it to major league baseball to give our very best effort even though we were eliminated.”

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Veteran QB throws two TDs in victory over Vikings Sunday

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Brett Favre is No. 1 — with a bullet.

Favre broke Dan Marino’s record for career touchdown passes Sunday, zipping No. 421 to Greg Jennings in the first quarter of Green Bay’s 23-16 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

He hit Jennings on a 16-yard slant for the score with 4:56 left in the quarter, and like most of his touchdown throws through his brilliant 17-year career, this one had plenty of steam on it.

“It feels great, but I’ve never considered myself as good a quarterback as Dan Marino,” Favre said. “Dan was a hero of mine. To be mentioned in the same breath as Dan and other guys really makes it special.”

Ever the jubilant celebrator, Favre sprinted to the end zone and hoisted Jennings on his left shoulder. He joined in hugs with his teammates on the sideline, as thousands of Packers faithful who made the trip from Wisconsin cheered loudly.

Even those dressed in purple stood and applauded when the announcement was made, and a taped message from Marino was played to congratulate Favre, who threw for another TD in the fourth quarter. He finished 32-of-45 for 344 yards, the 50th time he’s topped 300 yards in his career.

“I loved holding the touchdown record for the past 13 years,” Marino said. “But if someone was going to break it, I’m glad it was someone like you, who has always competed at the highest level and always played to win.”

It’s the latest, and possibly the most hollowed record claimed by the league’s last true gunslinger. Two weeks ago, Favre broke John Elway’s mark for career victories by a quarterback when he led the Packers to a 35-11 win over the New York Giants.

The soon-to-be 38-year-old Favre also holds the marks for career completions and consecutive starts by a quarterback, which hit 241 Sunday, moving him past former Vikings center Mick Tingelhoff into second place on the list for all players.

Former Vikings defensive end Jim Marshall holds the all-time mark with 270 consecutive starts.

Late in the second quarter, Favre broke another Marino record when he threw the 8,350th pass of his career, and is also within shouting distance of Marino’s record for yards passing.

Jennings also caught the record-tying TD from Favre, a 57-yarder last week that lifted the Packers to a 33-31 victory over San Diego.

“I know one thing,” Jennings said. “I know I’ll never be forgotten and that’s thanks to Brett.”

Marino held the record since 1995, but Favre’s reign could be considerably shorter. Old No. 4 has acknowledged that most, if not all, of the records he sets in his career will be challenged very shortly by the Colts’ Peyton Manning.

But perhaps even more impressive than the numbers Favre has put up is the manner in which he has done it.

Favre entered the league in a different era, when guys like Marino, Jim Kelly, Warren Moon and Steve Young played with an aggressiveness and a swagger that’s uncommon among today’s quarterbacks.

While offenses have moved away from that mentality more toward “game managers,” the league’s biggest gambler hasn’t let go of his high-risk, high-reward style. That mentality has thrilled fans in Green Bay since he first stepped onto the Lumberyard turf in 1992, but it has also earned him his fair share of criticism over the years.

He has been accused of being careless with the football at times, but Favre will be the last one to apologize for entering the game two interceptions shy of tying George Blanda’s career record.

“What got me to this point, what got me in this league, was a playmaking ability that was different,” Favre said.

Favre was pressured on his first pass attempt Sunday, and he blindingly winged a pass downfield for Jennings that was intercepted by Darren Sharper. But Favre was bailed out by an illegal contact call on Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield, and the Packers punted four plays later.

After Jeff Dugan fumbled to give the Packers the ball in Minnesota territory, Favre hit Donald Lee on a nice touch pass for 27 yards. Two plays later, history.

“It’s a milestone that he hit and there’s probably a lot more of them left,” Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

McCarthy has reined in Favre a little bit this season, and it has worked brilliantly so far for the Packers, who are 4-0 for the first time since 1998.

“He has a lot of gas left in his tank,” McCarthy said. “I’m not surprised by this at all.”

And while there is no single record for quarterbacks that carries the significance of Barry Bonds passing Hank Aaron’s career home run record, McCarthy has said Marino’s touchdown mark probably comes closest.

But Favre said he didn’t think the touchdown record was getting anywhere near the hype that Bonds’ pursuit of Aaron received over the summer. He has laughed off any further comparison to Bonds, smiling as he jokingly flexed his forearms to prove he doesn’t quite measure up.

There will be no dispute over this home run, though.

“I was hoping to put it on elway,” Favre joked. “I think we are going to let it sit in the Hall of Fame for a year or two. I’m sure after that, I will keep it.”

Packers quarterback Brett Favre celebrates after throwing his 421st career touchdown pass. Green Bay defeated Minnesota 26-16 in Minneapolis to move to 4-0 on the year.
Associated Press

No. 1 the hard way

The Tigers edged past Southern California in the AP Top 25 on Sunday, even though the Trojans remained undefeated.

On a wild day in college football, when half the top 10 List, USC avoided the upset bug that struck Oklahoma, Florida, Texas and Rutgers. But a sloppy Monday, October 1, weekend cost the USC in new AP poll after crazy weekend

No. 1 ranking Texas and Rutgers. But a sloppy weekend cost the top-ranked Miami dropped by No. 2 Oklahoma moved up on Saturday night.

L.S.U. coach

"There will be none of our players who arrive here on Monday and feel like they have achieved any milestone in any way. It will be business as usual." Peter Carroll USC coach

The voting was the closest since the second poll of the 2002 season, when Miami and Oklahoma tied for No. 1 and each received 27 first-place votes.

B.G. Brooks from The Rocky Mountain News in Denver had already flip-flopped USC and L.S.U. once this season and went back to L.S.U. again after watching the Trojans against Washington.

"I think at this point, at least through yesterday, L.S.U. has been a little more dominant," Brooks said.

Twelve voters switched off USC to L.S.U. this week to swing the vote, though one voter, Jon Wilner of The San Jose Mercury News, voted USC No. 1 after having L.S.U. last week. The reason it was No. 1 this week was because I look at L.S.U. and USC and feel that the Trojans have two quality wins on the road and that tipped the scales toward L.S.U., Wilner said. "Winning in Lincoln and in Seattle gives them an edge over L.S.U.'s two big home wins over South Carolina and Virginia Tech."

The rest of the rankings released Sunday bore little resemblance to any of the previous polls, thanks to a crazy weekend in which three of the top five and seven of the top 13 teams lost.

Overall, nine ranked teams went down, seven to unranked opponents.

California moved up three spots to No. 4. Ohio State jumped four places to No. 4 and Wisconsin moved up four spots to No. 5. The rest of the top 10 teams are the same as last week.

South Florida, which knocked off No. 5 West Virginia 19-13 on Thursday night, made it into the poll for the first time two weeks ago. Now the Bulls are No. 6 in the country and West Virginia fell five spots to No. 10.

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Umenyiora sets team sack record in 16-3 win

McNabb sacked 12 times in Eagles’ loss

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants had so many sacks they actually felt bad for the kid trying to protect Donovan McNabb from the Umenyiora and a sack-happy defense.

Umenyiora had a team-record three sacks and the Giants (2-2) set a franchise record and tied a league record by sacking McNabb 12 times in a 16-3 victory that brought back memories of Lawrence Taylor intimidating opposing quarterback backs at will.

"Last week we able to get some pressure on the quarterback," said Umenyiora, whose sack total was one shy of Derrick Thomas’ NFL record. "We knew we would eventually get those sacks. We have some of the best pass rushers in the league on this team. We put it all together today.

Coming into the game, the Giants (2-2) had only four sacks in three games. They had five against the Eagles (1-3) after the first half, and Umenyiora ended up filling in for a career game against second-year left tackle Winston Justice, who was filling in for an injured William Thomas.

"It was like a video game out there," Umenyiora said. "Justice is a very good player. Tonight was after his technique, tried to make adjustments and work." Justice accepted responsibility.

"I am going to shoulder the loss for the team," he said. "I got out of my technique, tried to make adjustments and they just didn’t work." The Eagles (1-3) had a horrible offensive performance. They were held to three games behind Dallas (4-0) in the NFC East.

"It’s frustrating," said McNabb, who finished 15-for-28 with 34 yards and an extra point. "That poor kid that he had out there," Strahan said. "Why didn’t they help him? I left, in an odd way, you could ruin the game. It’s his first start and that’s what he gets. It’s not a good thing.

Justice was more concerned with Justice.

"That poor kid that he had out there," Strahan said. "I’m not sure what you’re talking about. You can’t make adjustments in the middle of the game. Look at the Patriots. That’s what you’re talking about.

Besides the sacks, Philadelphia had 11 penalties for 132 yards, including a dreadful illegal forward pass against McNabb with 2:24 to play. It nullified a 20-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress, a score that, of course, was set up by a sack. Lawrence Tykes added a 29-yard field goal in the third quarter, but he also missed a 36-yard field goal and an extra point.

Strahan’s sacks gave him 133 1/2 in his career, breaking the league record as an honorary captain for the game. Strahan was more concerned with Justice.

"We did all the bad stuff, putting ourselves in bad situations and third and long," Ronyan said. "That’s just telling the defense exactly what you are going to do.

David Akers, who missed a 42-yard field goal in the second quarter, made a 53-yarder earlier in the fourth quarter to get Philadelphia on the board. The Eagles, who had lost to the Detroit Lions 56-21 last week, were short-handed for the game, missing running back Brian Westbrook, cornerback Lito Sheppard, safety Brian Dawkins and Thomas.

This is the fifth time a team had 12 sacks. The last was Dallas against the Houston Oilers on Sept. 29, 1985.

The game pitted new Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo against his old mentor Jim Johnson, the Eagles longtime defensive coordinator. Spagnuolo had been the Eagles linebackers coach the past six years.

While both defenses dominated, the Giants had an advantage going against an Eagles offense that was without Westbrook, its catalyst.

The halfback who led the NFC in rushing last year sat out with an abdominal strain. The Eagles were limited to 17 carries, 83 yards, in third-down conversions.

Umenyiora’s second sack set up the Giants second-quarter touchdown. It forced the Eagles to punt from deep in their end and B.W. McQuarters returned the kick 11 yards to the Eagles’ 49.

Manning engineered a four-play drive, picking up five first downs and 89 of 197 yards to Amani Toomer. The score came as Burress was cut out of the game by Lawrence Tykes in the corner of the end zone to give the Giants a 10-0 lead with 11:09 remaining in the half.

The Giants had a chance to extend the lead late in the second quarter but Omar Gaither in a play that would be a turning point in Eagles territory.

Tykes’ field goal pushed the lead to 10-0 late in the third quarter. It capped a 55-yard drive aided by a 32-yard pass that resulted in interference penalty against Amani Toomer by Eagles cornerback William James.

Theumble return by Mitchell was cut up by the same defense. The Eagles’ 2-2 record was the same less than a minute later.
Irish win one, lose one in Big East road trip

By ELLYN MICHALAK and PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writers

Notre Dame once again split a weekend series, picking up its first shutout of the season against Seton Hall before dropping a nail-biter to Villanova in five games. The Irish (6-8, 2-2 Big East) began the weekend by sweeping the Pirates 3-0 (30-19, 30-20, 30-25) Saturday, but ultimately five games.

"We put a lot of hard work into our practice this week," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said. "We played really well. It was a really fun match."

Seton Hall (10-7, 1-3 Big East) was led by the stellar play of freshman outside hitter Sarah Osorn. She racked up a game-high 19 kills along with nine digs. Sophomore outside hitter Stacey Craighead helped with 10 kills of her own while junior setter Brittany Rahrer had 37 assists.

Notre Dame could not celebrate its big win for long, however, as Villanova ended a 25-year drought against the Irish the next day. Notre Dame went 16-0 against Villanova since 1982.

In the fifth Irish match this season that has reached the deciding game, Notre Dame could not hold on at the end. The Irish, however, had momentum on their side after taking the fourth game in dominant fashion.

Their success carried over early on as they started the final game with a 5-0 lead — which is played to only 15 points. The Irish were three points away from victory at 12-8, when Villanova stepped on the throttle. Scoring nine of the last 12 points, the Wildcats stunned the crowd with the 17-15 comeback.

"Statistically, we beat [Villanova] in every category," Fesl said. "It's just little parts of our game that we need to refine better, but I would not say that our team collapsed. It was a hard fought battle, and we really know what details we need to fix."

Sophomore outside hitter Serenity Phillips notched a career best 26 kills for the Irish, while Sciacca made an impressive 11 blocks. Three other players for Notre Dame notched double-digit kills — Fesl had 15, Stasiak scored 14, and junior middle blocker Justin Streng slumped down 12. Tarutis once again led with 28 assists and sophomore setter Jamiel Nicholas saw some playing time while recording 21 helpers of her own.

Villanova (11-6, 3-1) was led by senior outside hitter Alona Cherkoz. She posted team-highs with 26 kills and 24 digs. Junior outside hitter Dana Tartaery also had a double-double with 15 kills and 10 digs.

Notre Dame continues its Big East schedule with a match against Rutgers at the JACC on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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MLB

Biggio hangs up his cleats after 20 seasons in Houston

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Craig Biggio didn’t know when the tears would come on Sunday. Turns out all it took was bearing his children’s voices.

The retiring Biggio doubled and scored in the first inning of his final game as the Houston Astros beat the Atlanta Braves 3-0 before a record crowd at Minute Maid Park.

The 41-year-old Biggio, who played his entire 20-season career in Houston, got standing ovations every time he batted.

"It’s a good cry, a healthy cry," Craig Biggio

Astros second baseman

He fought off his emotions throughout the game, but lost a few times in the dugout between innings, when personal messages from his three children — 14-year-old Connor, 12-year-old Cavan and 8-year-old Quinn — were played on the giant scoreboard.

"If you’re older, you cry all the time and there’s nothing wrong with it," he said. "But it’s a good emotion. It’s a good cry, a healthy cry."

Biggio became the 27th player to reach 3,000 hits on June 28 and announced his retirement a month later. He will leave as the franchise’s all-time leader in games, at-bats, hits, doubles and total bases.

He finished with 3,060 career hits and will finish 20th on the all-time list, just behind Cap Anson (3,081). Of the 19 players ahead of him, only Pete Rose is not in the Hall of Fame.

Chipper Jones, who came into the game trailing Matt Holliday by one point in the batting race, went 0-for-3 to fall to .337. Holliday went 1-for-3 in Denver, as the Rockies beat Arizona 4-3 to force a one-game tiebreaker with San Diego on Monday.

Holliday would have to go 0-for-5 or worse for Jones to win the batting title.

The weekend series in Houston, meanwhile, was a three-day tribute for Biggio, with fans packing the park for one last glimpse at the franchise’s most beloved all-time player. His final game drew 43,823, the largest crowd in the park’s 7-year history.

Even Jeff Bagwell, who shared 15 seasons with Biggio, came to say goodbye.

"This was a special day. You see the way the crowd reacted to him all week and actually, all of his career," said Bagwell.

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Poppin’ My Collar

Irish senior Greg Rodgers puts during the Gridiron Golf Classic at Warren Golf Course Sunday.

Connie Ullrich/ The Observer

Week 32/33: The Observer
**ND Women’s Tennis**

Ciobanu, Potts win pair of singles titles

By KATE ARNOLD

No. 1 singles was a study in ropy tennis, with two players winning in straight sets to advance to the second round.

MEN’S GOLF

Irish in third place after 1st round

Squad trails Michigan State by four shots at Warren Golf Course

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Notre Dame is in third place at the 2006 Big East Men’s Golf Championship at Warren Golf Course. The Irish are nine strokes ahead of Michigan State and 11 strokes behind Georgia Tech after the first round of competition.

The Irish, led by sophomore Brian O’Rourke, are in a group of three teams that are tied for third place at 212. Georgia Tech, which shot a 203, leads the field. Ohio State is in fourth place at 214.

Notre Dame finished the round at 216, with O’Rourke leading the way with a 70. Senior Eddie Peckels shot a 71 and junior Ryan Bauters shot a 72. Junior Justin Strenske and senior Michael Stynes shot 74s.

**SMC Cross Country**

Belles finish in ninth behind freshman help

By MATT GAMBER

Junior Justin Strenske and senior Michael Stynes shot 74s.

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could manage only a 1-1 draw Friday night in front of 1,995 fans. The tie brought the Irish winless streak against Cincinnati to three, as Notre Dame has not beaten the Bearcats since they joined the Big East in 2005. "Cincinnati has got our number here," Clark said after the game. "They certainly seem to find ways to frustrate us."

The Irish out-shot Cincinnati 11-2 in the first half and possession the ball for the majority of the time, but it was the Bearcats who opened the scoring shortly after halftime. In the 53rd minute, Cincinnati defender Josel Jackson sent an in-swinger free kick from the right side-line to the net. Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill, coming out to intercept the cross, had the ball sail over his head, and Bearcat defender Brad Simpson crashed at the back post to head it home. "That's the area they were going to beat us, and that's where their goal came from," Clark said. "That's the only way they were going to beat us!"

The Irish created multiple chances in the ensuing minutes with midfielder Justin Morrow having the best opportunity only one minute after the Bearcats' goal, but his shot from just outside the box was saved by Cincinnati keeper Miguel Rosales. Notre Dame finally broke through in the 76th minute, when it scored on a nearly identical play as the Bearcats' goal. Irish defender Jack Traynor sent a free kick in front of the box thatлось defender Matt Clark. Traynor crossed a pass from the left side and Brovsky finished in front of the Notre Dame net. "It's certain we found the back of the net much earlier," said Clark. "We proved that they could fight back in a game they thought they had won.

Notre Dame once again jumped out to an early start when sophomore Jeff Broyovsky notched his second career goal five minutes into the contest. Traynor crossed a pass from the left side and Brovsky finished to give Notre Dame an early lead.

Lapira scored the eventual game winner 30 seconds later, chipping a shot to the far post with his heel. Senior midfielder Kyle Dulworth picked up his first career point with the assist.

"That goal was the icing on the cake for a great first half for Lapira," Clark said. "It was a tremendous goal."

The 2006 M.A.C. Hermann award winner Lapira is considered to repeat as the country's best player, leading the Irish with seven points.

Notre Dame takes on non-conference rivals Michigan Wednesday night at Alumni Field.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles lose games: MIAA record now 3-5

By SAMANTHA LEONARD

Saint Mary's dropped two games to tough competition Saturday in a triangular match with Tri-State and Bethel.

The Belles lost to Tri-State 3-0 (20-30, 26-30, 28-30) in the first match and then dropped a hard-fought, five-game match to Bethel 2-3 (30-24, 25-30, 29-31, 30-29, 15-18) to end the season.

"We just let our opponents dictate the pace of the match. We didn't play well, but we just didn't play even close to the level that we should be playing at," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

"Consistency was a problem in the match and I was being — we wait too long to get things going with any fire, and then it is too late.

Although the Thunder had control, it was not a total case of domination. The Belles (6-10, 3-5 MIAA) lost to Tri-State by a combined total of 17 points in the two games, and their stats almost mirrored each other. The Belles had 11 kills, 40 service errors and 60 defensive digs. The Thunder had 44 kills, 41 set assists and 76 defensive digs.

Unforced errors were the difference between the two teams in Saturday's match. "We also passed far too many serves, aggressive service errors I can handle, but lack of focus service errors are inexcusable," Schroeder-Biek said.

"When you look at the match score difference of seven-teen total points and then see that we had ten service errors, you get to do the little things right, they add up."

Junior middle blocker Cathy Barczak led the way with 14 digs and second-year setter Kaela Hellmann picked up 21 assists.

The Belles changed their play when they took on the Pilots. Although they were not a conference game, the team still approached it with intensity.

"Bethel was a better team than Tri-State. Bethel had more size and more power than Tri-State," Schroeder-Biek said. "We played much closer to our level and truly competed against Bethel."

The Belles could not pull it out in the end, as the coach relates back to their lack of drive.

"To choose five-game matches out, again — just means you are going for more collective determination to win," she said.

The Belles had four players with double-doubles in the effort against the Pilots. Sophomore outside hitter Andrea Sassgren contributed 14 kills and 19 defensive digs, senior setter Amanda David had 55 assists and 11 digs, and Hellmann was a leader again with 13 kills and 17 digs.

Next up for Saint Mary's is a conference foe Adrian Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility. In their last meeting, on Sept. 4, Adrian took down the Belles in three straight games to start their conference schedule.

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point total of 305. Freshman Marissa Treece once again led the way for the Irish women, finishing her five kilometers in 17:24, good enough for 17th out of 162 participants. Her time was identical to the one she posted in a cross-country race the previous weekend. The Blue Jackets were ranked fifth in the region.

Senior Brett Adams (68th), senior Mike Ryan (93rd), junior Kevin Veselik (131st) and freshman Jacob Cole (140th) rounded out the Notre Dame runners in the tournament.

Notre Dame finished 14 points ahead of North Carolina State and an impressive 32 points ahead of Providence. Only participating teams that were ranked higher than the Irish were the University of Connecticut, Michigan and Florida State finished fourth and fifth.

The Irish women finished without a trophy for the first time this season.

Unranked Rice, which finished with 119 points, led the field. Illinois, Florida State, Michigan and Boston College rounded out the top five.

Notre Dame finished with a
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"The Irish outshot the Cardinals 12-5 and their fivecorner kicks to Louisville's one in Notre Dame's first conference game.

"Any time you can get a win on the road in the Big East is a positive," said Cinalli.

Cinalli's goal came in the 24th minute after Irish junior forward Kerri Hanks had a shot from the right side of the box. Cinalli gathered the rebound and hammered it into the lower left corner of the net.

Irish senior goalie Lauren Karas had to make just one save in the shutout as the Irish defenders suffocated the Cardinals attackers throughout the match. The defense started two freshmen — center back Lauren Fowkes and right back Julie Scholder — as sophomore center back Haley Ford missed her fifth straight game because of a hamstring injury.

"Our back line finally started to settle in," Waldrum said.

Notre Dame 6, Cincinnati 1

Cinalli, who was slightly injured and underwent a hernia repair, was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

The Irish had 12 first-half goals and did not allow a goal after the game's fifth minute.

"But, I know that if they played us like that in the second half, we could beat them by a lot," Cinalli said. Hanks put the Irish ahead 4-0 when she found the back of the net after a series of deflections in front of the Cincinnati goal.

Waldrum, who had beaten her midfield Melissa Bigg knocked a deep pass from the midfielder Lindsey Noteboom past a diving Lynch. The score came several minutes after Cinalli had entered the game for each starting goalie, replaced by sophomore goalie Kelsey Bizen.

After Karas, the starting goalie, had been replaced by Cinalli in the first half, Cinalli's score came in the 45th minute when she slid the ball past a diving Lynch.

The score was 2-0, and Cinalli, who was unmarked in the penalty box, buried the ball into the back of the net. Cinalli's score marked the first goal of her Irish career.

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Back on track**

Squad returns to form in pair of Big East victories over weekend

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame earned victories over Big East foes Louisville and Cincinnati this weekend, helping to ease an early season skid that has seen last year's national runner-up lose two of its last three games.

"I knew we'd get this thing turned around," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "And this weekend was definitely a step towards that."

The Irish now have a 5-4-1 overall record, with a 3-0 mark in Big East games.

**Notre Dame 1, Louisville 0**

Senior captain Amanda Cinalli scored her third goal of the season to give the visiting Irish a narrow win over Louisville.

"I thought we did a pretty good job," Waldrum said. "Even though we only won by one, it's a tough place to play. They have a small field and a good turf." (WP)

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By MEGHAN VESELIK
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**Irish men take third straight**

By CHRIS DOYEN
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**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

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Like a charm.

At the Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish men won their third straight team title, beating out 22 teams in the Blue Division.

The women placed 12th in a field of 21 teams as Rice took first in the women's Blue Division.

Junior Patrick Smyth, who ran five miles in 23:44, led the men, coming in second out of 178 runners on the individual leaderboard. He was only seven seconds behind winner Joshua McHugul of Liberty University.

Irish senior Jake Watson finished with a time of 24:11, good enough for 10th place overall. Other men placing for the Irish included freshman Dan Jackson (30th) and freshman Paul Springer (34th).

Jackson and Springer both improved their times signifi­cantly in the meet.

**ND WOMEN'S GOLF**

Team starts season 3-0 for first time in history

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

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