College launches identity campaign

"She's Saint Mary's" new tagline for publications in attempt to make College more well known

By KATIE KOHLER and LIZ HABER
News Writers

On the heels of two national rankings — by US News & World Report and the Princeton Review — Saint Mary's is taking steps to break into national collegiate surveys by launching the "She's Saint Mary's" campaign, a continuation of last year's identity initiative, College officials said.

The identity initiative is an ongoing process to better understand the image the College must present to gain the attention of prospective students and parents. The initiative was part of College President Carol Ann Mooney's inaugural platform to make Saint Mary's a nationally known institution.

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Dear Jimsie...

I'm sure there are many students out there who are seeking advice from classic outside sources such as Dear Abby and Dear Amy on their daily or whenever they pick up The Chicago Tribune, or whatever other newspapers are delivered through the leadership programs on both campuses. Or maybe I'm just the only one.

If there are others out there, I propose that those of you who read the insipidly bland advice column in national papers seek out one of your own.

"Dear Jimsie" is a hilarious advice column written by a Notre Dame student, mainly for his friends and acquaintances on Facebook. "Dear Jimsie" is primarily driven by Facebook and text messages, which began doing out advice in early September in response to a text message prank making fun of his nickname. After that text message, Jimmie became so much more than a nickname, it became an advice column for the history books, much like Abby is just a name, but "Dear Abby" turns up images of a frat, old lady who asks about her kids, and Virginia, there really is a St. Class.

Those who know about "Dear Jimsie" who are also Jimmie's Facebook friends or know his cell phone number, have easy access to Jimmie's crass advice.

Which is also part of the shirk. Only those who are Jimmie's friends can leave him wall posts and while everyone else who is friends with Jimmie on Facebook can see that post, they cannot always see his response. Due to the privacy measures of Facebook, it is impossible to see a specific person's wall if he is not your friend. This makes "Dear Jimsie" that much more exciting because he always keeps you wondering what advice he has given other people.

In the short history of the "Dear Jimsie" column, he has given advice on relationships, social drinking, managing the nightlife, deep existential, Alcoholics Anonymous, and resolving conflicts.

For example, straightforward retorts to questions that could potentially become heated arguments between friends and quick responses (problems that could prove detrimental to the friendship) are often the best course of action to live with them for long periods of time. "Dear Jimsie" may seem to be a cross, sometimes inappropriate salacious column, but in reality there is no better way to see the world. "Dear Abby"'s advice is too fluffy, and "Dear Amy"s advice is too non-confrontational.

At least Jimmie tells it like it is, and isn't shy about making enemies just to avoid telling the truth. What better advice could you get than the truth?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Correction**

Due to a photographer's error, a picture on the last page of the Oct. 4 edition of The Observer incorrectly identified the Notre Dame soccer player as Ryan Miller. The player is actually Katie Nolan. Due to a continuing error, the Faculty Senate update in the Oct. 4 edition of The Observer quoted producer Judy Finn as saying "there is no transparency in the law school administration.

What she said was "there was serious distraction in the law school." The Observer regrets these errors.

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**Question of the Day:** What is your favorite theme for an SYR?

- **Caitlin Salisbetter**
  - Junior Badin
  - "Disney Princesses, because everyone loves wearing pretty dresses — boys included."

- **Megan Kriminich**
  - Sophomore PW
  - "A soda pop theme, because I love drinking delicious 12-ounce cans of cola."

- **Kelly Wacławnik**
  - Freshman Badin
  - "The Roarin' 1920s, because it's a fun period with really cool clothes."

- **Courtney Sullivan**
  - Junior Badin
  - "A formal, because girls love to dress up and we get to see guys dressed nicely for once."

- **Amy Holt**
  - Sophomore Badin
  - "A sports theme — but the girls couldn't come up with a good cheerleader."

- **Liz Morgan**
  - Freshman Badin
  - "Halloween costume party, can't be beat because I love dressing up."

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**Offbeat**

Confused moose thinks he's a cow

CANNONBALL, N.D. — When Beverly and Ernie Fischer gathered up their cattle this fall in Morton County, they rounded up a little more than they expected. We were moving some cattle, and we got a mouse," Ernie Fischer said. "He thinks he is a cow," said his wife. Ernie Fischer said it was difficult to get the young bull moose away from the cattle, and work put in a separate corral until it could be released. The moose also broke fences on the ranch 20 miles south of Mandan. It's not the only such incident in south central North Dakota this year. Emmans County rancher Sam Gross recently reported a lone bull moose in his cattle herd, and a moose also was spotted to a cattle herd in McIntosh County. Smugglers try to use bugs as drug mules

A M S T E R D A M, Netherlands — As drug mules, bugs don't carry much, and they didn't get by customs in the Netherlands. A customs officer who took a close look at a consignment of more than 100 large, dead bugs sent from Morocco to the Netherlands discovered cocaine had been stashed in their backs.

"We see a lot of things, but this was a first for us," customs spokesman Kees Nanninga said Thursday.

"It looked like they were cut open, the drugs hidden in their backs and then they were glued back together again," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**Local Weather**

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**In Brief**

The men's and women's swim teams will take part in the Dennis Stark Relays at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 5 p.m. today. Admission is free and open to the public.

Filmmaker Leonardo Fierro de la Hora will present a screening of the film "City of Men" at 10 p.m. today at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3.

An informal lunchtime concert featuring advanced students from the Department of Music and Dance, and Palumbo and Mark Cerenzia in Penrose Performers' Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 12:10 p.m. The audience is welcome to bring their lunch to the performance.

"No End in Sight," the first film of its kind to chronicle the reasons behind Iran's descent into guerilla war, warlord rule, criminality and anarchy will be screened Saturday at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3.

Army ROTC will host its annual Firm Fit Challenge Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The triathlon will be held outside Alumni Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project.

The men's soccer team will play West Virginia Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding auditions for its annual talent show, Black Images 2007. The auditions are Monday and Tuesday from 8 to 10 in the Laketrue Gold Room. All talents are welcome to audition.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer-md@nd.edu.
Ticket sales strong despite 0-5 record

By KRISTEN EDELEN
New Writer

Notre Dame's 0-5 record in football will not endanger the team's five remaining home games this season, though re-sales do occur through the Ticket Office when customers return tickets they purchased. Tickets are still selling, and Berlo, who runs the office, is busy taking calls from fans inquiring about football tickets, he said.

"We are sold out for all of our remaining home games and still receive calls daily from those looking for tickets." Josh Berlo, assistant athletic director

Saint Mary's hosted the South Bend "Light the Night" walk Thursday — a 2.2-mile walk to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, with all funds raised going toward research to cure blood cancer.

Saint Mary's freshman Kathy Chlebda, who was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2006 and received treatment in April, e-mailed Saint Mary's over the summer to see if the "Light the Night" walk took place in South Bend. The walk has happened in South Bend before, but this was the first year the event was held at Saint Mary's.

Until Chlebda's e-mail, "I had never heard of the walk before," said Carrie Call, the director of the office for Social and Civil Engagement at Saint Mary's. "It's beautiful.

Call, along with head softball coach Erin Sullivan, helped organize the event at Saint Mary's. The walk took place at dusk, and each participant carried a red balloon with a light inside. Blood cancer survivors carried a white balloon.

"It was very moving, which I wasn't expecting," Call said. "Meeting people face to face is the really powerful stuff." "Light the Night" had 330 people registered this morning, but at walk time approximately 450 people showed up, said Crystal Jones, Indiana's "Light the Night" director.

The youngest survivor present was a night and a half month-old girl. Was diagnosed at four and half months. The oldest survivor was a man in his seventies, said Call. Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students participated in the walk. Participants enter individually or as part of a team. "Team Kathy," named for Chlebda, raised the most money, said Call. Other student groups walking included athletic teams and the Saint Mary's Board of Governance.

Saint Mary's senior Maggie Jespersen walked with a team of other educational majors called "Team Eli Ed." "The walk is really cool," Jespersen said. "It's a really good turnout. It's really wonderful seeing all the T-shirts for the different teams."

Notre Dame sophomore Bryan Hoffman also did the walk.

"My brother's girlfriend is a survivor, and we did the walk in high school," he said. "It was fun community building before the walk."

Prior to the walk, survivors of blood cancers shared their stories. Each year's event honors a person who is or has battled a blood cancer. This year's South Bend Honored Hero was Paige Robinson. Diagnosed with leukemia at the age of five, Robinson has been in remission for five years and will attend seventh grade at Trinity Lutheran School in Elkhart, Ind.

She encouraged students to raise money for research of the disease.

"Light the Night" was founded in 1959, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has raised more than $550.8 million for research targeting blood cancers. Jones summed up the evening's events as a success.

"This turnout and this community really came our and wrapped their arms around us," Jones said.

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Dengue fever breaks out in Caribbean region

Special to The Observer

One of the worst dengue fever outbreaks in decades is spreading across Latin America and the Caribbean, and a University of Notre Dame biologist who was instrumental in mapping the genome of the Aedes aegypti mosquito that transmits the dengue parasite to humans believes the outbreak is part of a larger trend.

"There is clearly an upswing in cases in the Caribbean region, partly due to recent hurricane activity, but case numbers and fatalities were already going up there and across the globe," biologist Megan Welsch said. "There has been a lot of discussion on recent outbreaks in Singapore, for example, Singapore was previously looked upon as a stellar example of how to prevent, or control, dengue infections. Oddly enough, Cuba has one of the best dengue prevention programs and it specifically targets Aedes aegypti control. I was there in August and some of their people are being tapped as advisers for Singapore.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito spreads an estimated 100 million cases of dengue fever each year. Dengue fever usually starts with a high fever and chills and may include headaches, backache and muscle and joint pain. Dengue hemorrhagic fever is a potentially deadly disease characterized by high fever and may be accompanied by loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and nose or gum bleeding.

By NICK BOCK

Professor recounts past racial tension for SMC weekend

In the early 19th century in the upper Midwest, people were either white or American Indian.

"There was no in between," said Michigan State history professor and author Susan Sleeper-Smith in a lecture Thursday at the 1C7 Center Auditorium.

Sleeper-Smith quoted a famous nursery rhyme by songwriter Septimus Winner to describe the state of racial conflict in the Midwest in the early 1800s. "Ten Little Indians" traces the demise of a group of "Injuns," with the last remaining Indian's removal an important view point.

"One little Injun living all alone, he got married and then there were none," the rhyme says.

Sleeper-Smith said the line reflected the view of white Americans in the Northeast that intermarriage with the American Indians would eventually destroy Indian culture — something that was seen as a positive at the time.

In Wisconsin, however, the opinions were different. There, settlers viewed intermarriage as a threat to the white race.

An influx of white fur traders in the Fox River valley, whose business hinged on healthy social relationships with the local Indians, "pointed to an increase in mixed-ancestry births" from the 1860s to the mid-1880s, Sleeper-Smith said.

"It was breathtaking to see how the white traders and their Indian wives were able to keep them white and pure by keeping these stains from their skin — and thus their frequent bathing became associated with whiteness in the area," Sleeper-Smith also described the reaction of the judicial system to the "paranoia" of Indian "laiing." A Michigan Supreme Court judge, she said, charged many for- traders with "low behavior" because of their sexual re la tionships with American Indian women.

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**Dozens arrested on child porn charges**

TRENTON — More than three dozen people in New Jersey have been charged with sending child pornography over the Internet, officials said Thursday.

The arrests cap a two-month investigation by a state police technology investigations unit that boarded the computers of New Jerseyans who distributed such images. Forty-one people were arrested.

Officials said the photos and videos have been made available worldwide.

"Many who have sexually assaulted children started down that road with child porn," state Police Superintendent Rick Fuentes said. "This operation places a roadblock in the path to on-line pedophiles."

The investigation, dubbed Operation Silent Shield, encompassed 15 of New Jersey's 21 counties and numerous local law enforcement agencies. The arrests began 10 days ago and continued through Thursday, state police said.

The 41 people, who range in age from 14 to 71, were charged with child pornography possession and distribution and face 18 months to 10 years in jail. They have jobs ranging from elevator repairman to car salesmen to security guard to landscaper to deli owner to auto mechanic.

A Woodbridge man who was arrested was a referee for girls high school volleyball, state police said.

No one has been charged with creating the images and videos, though state Attorney General Anne Milgram said the investigation is continuing. She said officials will scour thousands of DVDs and more than 800 videos confiscated during the arrests.

Milgram said the videos last up to 15 minutes and feature children estimated to range in age from 4 to 9 years.

She said officials have identified some children involved. She declined to discuss any details about the children, but said the images are disturbing.
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the first phase and ‘She’s Saint Mary’s’ properly presents ourselves to our external audi- ence. It is how we will cor- rectly communicate our strengths and weaknesses.”

The new tagline, “She’s Saint Mary’s,” is now present on all College publications, ads, hand- outs, and Web pages.

The campaign was co- chaired by Vice President for Campus Relations Shari Rodriguez and Vice President for Enrollment Management Dan Messenger.

“We really were looking at our mes- sages and they were all authentic, but they were all so different,” Rodriguez said. “It wasn’t the same for an institu- tion like Saint Mary’s. We did pages and became convinced that a unified mes- sage would help students understand all that is Saint Mary’s.”

Throughout the search for a new brand, the College used meetings with groups of faculty, alumnae, and students to find out what Saint Mary’s means to them — the result was the two-word slogan.

“It really seemed to resonate in the broadest aspect of Saint Mary’s constituents,” Rodriguez said. “Everybody saw a way to connect.”

The broadened features the per- sonal stories of students and faculty at their time at Saint Mary’s to them.

“The alumnae love the sto- ries and they say ‘oh, we’re telling stories about what students experience here,’” Rodriguez said. “We’re focusing on the rigorous aca- demic experience and experi- ences students have with each other and with faculty. Those are things that they feel really strongly about as they look back on their experience.”

The implementation of the campaign was a continuous improve- mcnt, McDonald said, sparked by the desire to cater to the needs of the student body.

“The cata- log is the research,” she said. “This is a series of sur- veys and evaluations that last year, we were able to pinpoint our strengths and weaknesses.”

“Our strengths, we found, were academics. Our faculty is strong, we have small classes, especially in their career prep, and we have some pretty amazing alumni. We found out that these were the things and they love the fact that is important to our prospects and we weren’t effectively communicating it.”

The main issue was commu- nicating the benefits of the College in an effective manner, McDonald said.

“We didn’t have an issue with the benefits,” she said. “Those have not changed. We just didn’t communicate them correctly. This is a campaign to bring these characteristics and quality to the forefront.”

The timing of the campaign is meant to attract the prospective applicant pool for the Class of 2012.

“This is a time when many new young women are exploring co­leges,” McDonald said.

“The Web can be used as a key resource for high school students who haven’t had a chance to visit our campus yet.”

Brochures to recruit high school seniors were the first materials carry­ ing the slogan. The brochures, known as “It’s big,” were first distrib­ uted in July.

“They were important because they included infor­ mation the prospects wanted to hear and know about the College,” McDonald said.

The new slogan and the designs have a “more content­ puratory and cleaner look,” McDonald said.

“We have already started using our new ads in the Notre Dame football programs and the South Bend Tribune,” she said. “They already reflect our new image.”

One of the most accessible changes, McDonald said, is the redesigning of the Web site, which officially went live on Monday.

“The site is more than just the look,” she said. “There are also content changes that reflect the research we did to refine our image and meet the needs of the students.”

Director of Web and Interactive Communications Dan Miller said there are some pages still linked to old con­ tent.

“Many of the pages that hadn’t been updated are the depart­ ment home pages, which are regulated by each department,” Miller said.

Departmental feedback has been positive, and he believes more administrative units will want to move their sites into the “new look.”

He said the redesign was designed using the Drupal Web engine, a content management system.

“The [Drupal] system allows update of content from a Web browser rather than propri­ etary software,” Miller said, adding that the system broad­ en the spectrum of who can us­ e the program and from where.

The campus is far from over, although the next steps are slightly ambiguous.

“Our biggest next step is fur­ ther refinement of the Web site that can work for best for students.”

Karen McDonald
acting vice president
Integrated Marketing
Communications

“It’s a great way to let peo­ ple who are looking abroad know their friends are think­ ing of them and sending them a little part of home,” Behr said.

Kensler said she sent six separate care packages.

“I decided not to tell my friends about sending these packages because I think it would be more fun for them to get surprises,” she said.

The opportunity to send care packages will also be available during the spring semester, Behr said.

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University handled everything else, including shipping charges.

The event was a great way to welcome the full junior class, Behr said, because most stu­ dents studying overseas are part of the Class of 2009. Each class council hopes to have the packages delivered before they leave, which would be enough time to sort out all the packages and get them to their specific destinations, Behr said.

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weekend, Hitatsuko said. But a large number requires a great deal of work from campus resources used for dances.

Campus services, like Catering by Design, have been preparing for the busy weekend.

Catering by Design plans to supply students with as flexibly as possible to accommodate the needs the students have during these week­ ends, said Lisa Wenzel, Catering by Design assistant director for special events.

Catering by Design plans to try to plan meals that are nutritious and palatable when residence halls begin to coordi­ nate their meal plan as well.

Although demands on campus services will be high, Wenzel said, the catering service has enough staffers ready to work the events.

While campus services may not have a difficult time adjusting to busy SYR weekends, students, like sophomore Ryan Lapwagga, often find it difficult especially if they want to fit in a date.

“It’s hard to find someone to go to SYR with,” she said, “when the classes and even dorms have a similar schedule.”

Some of the themes of this weekend’s SYRs include “Majestic South Girl” for Walsh Hall, “Rock star” for “Rock Star” for Keenan and “Party Like a Rock Star” for the dance co-hosted by the four dorms on Mod­Quad.

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In Brief

Chinese robots out with lead recalled

WASHINGTON — More than a half-million Chinese-made products were recalled Thursday, including “Pirates of the Caribbean” and Baby Einstein toys, because they contain dangerous levels of lead.

Comrupted "Pirates of the Caribbean" flashlight and soft, textured Baby Einstein blocks were among the $25,530,000 products recalled, the Consumer Product Safety Commission announced. The recall also includes Totally Me! Funky Room decorating kits imported and sold by The Children’s Place Inc. and a variety of wooden toys decorating kits imported and sold by KB Toys, which has hurt sales because it allows people to get music for free instead of paying for recordings in stores. Many other defendants have settled by paying the companies a few thousand dollars.

The BIA says the lawsuits have mitigated illegal sharing, even though music file-sharing is rising overall. The group says the number of households that have used file-sharing programs to download music fell 40 percent from 6.9 million monthly in April 2003, before the lawsuits began, to 7.8 million in March 2007.

During the three-day trial, the record companies presented evidence they said showed the copyrighted songs were offered by a Kazaa user under the name “terreaterr.” Their witnesses, including officials from an Internet provider and a security firm, testified that the Internet address used by “terreaterr.com” belonged to Thomas.

Todhunter said in his closing that the companies never proved “Jammie Thomas, a human being, got on her keyboard and sent out these things.”

"We don’t know what happened," Todder told jurors. "All we know is that Jammie Thomas didn’t do this.”

New York — Gold and silver prices rose Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, reversing a direction after three days of declines. Gold has added about $100 an ounce since mid-August.

"People are looking for a major buy-in reaction, but we’re still seeing a strong investor demand," particularly from Asian and European buyers, said MF Global gold trader Kevin Grady.

December silver rose 30 cents to $13.50 an ounce on the Nymex.

Trading was choppy throughout the day, however, as investors positioned themselves ahead of the Labor Department’s report Friday on September payrolls. Good news in the job market could bolster the U.S. dollar and therefore pressure commodity prices, while weak data could undermine the dollar by lifting expectations for further interest rate cuts.

The August employment report, which came out Sept. 7, shocked the markets with the first net decline in jobs in four years. The data pushed the Dow Jones Industrial average down nearly 250 points, the dollar against its rivals, and gold sharply higher.

All it takes is one more bit of evidence of economic anemia to have some funds flood to the refuge of gold," said Joe Nieder, senior analyst with Kitco Bullion Dealers.

Oil prices also rebounded after three days of losses, as the dollar fell and as trader bets that energy supplies might get tighter when the heating season begins. On Wednesday, the U.S. Energy Department said crude oil inventories rose last week but gasoline inventories shrank.

Woman found guilty of file sharing

Six record companies won $222,000 lawsuit against online illegal music downloading

Associated Press

Jammie Thomas, left, who was sued by six record companies for sharing copyrighted music online, was ordered by a federal jury Thursday to pay $222,000 in damages.

Associated Press

DULUTH — The recording industry won a key fight Thursday against illegal music downloading when a federal jury found a Minnesota woman shared copyrighted music online and lifted $222,000 in damages against her.

Thomas and her attorney, Brian Todder, declined comment as they left the courthouse. Jurors also left without talking.

“This does send a message, I hope, that downloading and distributing our recordings is not OK,” said Richard Gabriel, the lead attorney for the companies.

In the first such lawsuit to go to trial, the record companies accused Thomas of downloading the songs without permission and offering them online through a Kazaa file-sharing account. Thomas denied wrongdoing and testified that she didn’t have a Kazaa account.

Record companies have filed some 26,000 lawsuits since 2003 over file-sharing, which has hurt sales because it allows people to get music for free instead of paying for recordings in stores. Many other defendants have settled by paying the companies a few thousand dollars.

The BIA says the lawsuits have mitigated illegal sharing, even though music file-sharing is rising overall. The group says the number of households that have used file-sharing programs to download music fell 40 percent from 6.9 million monthly in April 2003, before the lawsuits began, to 7.8 million in March 2007.

During the three-day trial, the record companies presented evidence they said showed the copyrighted songs were offered by a Kazaa user under the name “terreaterr.” Their witnesses, including officials from an Internet provider and a security firm, testified that the Internet address used by “terreaterr.com” belonged to Thomas.

Todder said in his closing that the companies never proved “Jammie Thomas, a human being, got on her keyboard and sent out these things.”

“We don’t know what happened,” Todder told jurors. “All we know is that Jammie Thomas didn’t do this.”

New York — Gold and silver prices rose Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, reversing a direction after three days of declines. Gold has added about $100 an ounce since mid-August.

“People are looking for a major buy-in reaction, but we’re still seeing a strong investor demand,” particularly from Asian and European buyers, said MF Global gold trader Kevin Grady.

December silver rose 30 cents to $13.50 an ounce on the Nymex.

Trading was choppy throughout the day, however, as investors positioned themselves ahead of the Labor Department’s report Friday on September payrolls. Good news in the job market could bolster the U.S. dollar and therefore pressure commodity prices, while weak data could undermine the dollar by lifting expectations for further interest rate cuts.

The August employment report, which came out Sept. 7, shocked the markets with the first net decline in jobs in four years. The data pushed the Dow Jones Industrial average down nearly 250 points, the dollar against its rivals, and gold sharply higher.

All it takes is one more bit of evidence of economic anemia to have some funds flood to the refuge of gold," said Joe Nieder, senior analyst with Kitco Bullion Dealers.

Oil prices also rebounded after three days of losses, as the dollar fell and as trader bets that energy supplies might get tighter when the heating season begins. On Wednesday, the U.S. Energy Department said crude oil inventories rose last week but gasoline inventories shrank.
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students are "not critically engaged" outside of classes and library-based reading.

He unfortunately contrasted this common practice with past forums on global health and religion. This forum has done "a poor job" of generating student interest, he said, because "we've been excited to learn that immigration has been selected as the topic for the next summer," but said that public relations were "poorly planned.

"It wasn't until [Tuesday] that I saw forum posters," he said. "And I'm really involved with this issue.

The Center for Social Concerns "knows how to do something like this," he said. "The administration knows how to put together a good forum for the weekend."".

Angulo said the forum's Web site "looks awesome" but had "a long list. The forum had suggested articles, he acknowledged, but he said that reading articles was "like class.

He said the forum's publicity left room for "decent criticism." He contrasted that with the University's "notable effort" in getting posters for each participant, a suggestive approach to immigration discussions.

"They are interesting, unstructured, hour-long conversations with past professors," he said. "I think people have a right to display more information," said senior Brian Bas, who had some signs up, but they needed more in order to really inform people about the issue.

Other students simply disagreed with the premise of the memorial.

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This year, the Right to Life club received help from the University to plan its observance week.

"In the past the University was very pro-active," Walter said.

"Now, Campus Ministry is co-sponsoring Right to Life week with us. In addition to giving us their full support, they will be distributing prayer cards and encouraging priests to say pro-life homilies on Sunday.

The Right to Life club will continue its efforts to encourage discussion on all anti-abortion issues. Right to Life Week's keynote speaker is Dawn Parko, a double Domer with multiple disabilities.

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Engineering prof wins new medal

Alsan Karemee receives award for his research

Special to The Observer

The International Association for Engineering and Geological Sciences at Notre Dame, has named Alsan Karemee, professor of civil engineering at the University, a recipient of the Alan G. Davanzo Medal.

Karemee, who also serves as director of the Nalliaz Laboratory at Notre Dame, was cited for "fundamental contributions to quantification, simulation and analysis of wind load effects on structural and practical structures." He received the award during the recent 12th International Conference on Wind Engineering in Cairns, Australia.

A internationally recognized scholar, Karemee specializes in fluid mechanics, fluid-structure interactions, structural safety and mitigation of natural hazards. Using computer models and laboratory and full-scale experiments, he studies the environmental loads of wind, waves and earthquakes on structures in order to understand and predict the impact of natural hazards on the constructed environment.

Karemee, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1998, earned his Ph.D. in structural engineering from Stanford University.

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season. "Two displays was a profound way of recognizing how large the numbers truly are," said senior Adam Hoock, the club's other vice president.

Across the rounds and flags stood signs with statistics about abortion. One read: "In the time it takes to play one Notre Dame football game, 600 children are aborted." The signs also advertised Project Rachel and the Women's Care Center — both oasis that help women deal with emotional and physical problems that may arise from having an abortion.

Roses were collected in memory of the women who have suffered and died because of abortion or developed post-abortion syndrome, a psychological disorder. "The large crosses and the roses were dedicated to those women who have suffered," said Mary Walter, president of the Right to Life Club.

"To be pro-life is not only about taking the unborn's life, but also the loss of life, across the entire spectrum. That and includes the women who have suffered." The club's primary goal with the display was to raise awareness of abortion-related issues.

"Although we know there will be some negative feedback, we are not trying to start a controversy," Walter said. "We are just trying to raise awareness of this important Catholic issue as well as express our sorrow for those who have passed away.

Toates agreed that one of the important things about it is it makes people think," she said. "And whether their opinion is negative or positive, it still is raising awareness from being passed by the crosses." Students' reactions was not what normal anticipated, but it was positive. "I really like the fact that it is a memorial, not a protest," said Karen Morrow, a junior from Nazareth. "It speaks for itself and really grabs your attention as you walk past." Others thought the changes could have been made to the memorial.

"I think it's a great idea, the memorial made to the display," said Fahy. "I think they should give us a right to life show, but you need to display more information," said senior Brian Bas, who had some signs up, but they needed more in order to really inform people about the issue.

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Three Days of Reflection on the Eucharist

HAMMERS STAFF LOUNGE-COLEMAN MORSE Center 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 8

Dr. David Fagerberg

The Theology of the Eucharist

Tuesday, October 9

Rev. Michael Driscoll

The Formation of the Elements: The Eucharist

Wednesday, October 10

Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C

The Liturgical Rites of the Second Vatican Council

PizzA and Soft Drinks will be available

A recited Tridentine Mass will be celebrated.

Masses will be celebrated on Sunday of the Academic Year for the Members of the Notre Dame Community at 8:00 A.M. in the Alumni Hall Chapel beginning October 14, 2007.

Students and guests are invited to the Alumni Chapel door which faces the South Quad.

This extraordinary form of the Roman Rite is offered in response to the directives of the Motu Proprio Summorum pontificum of Pope Benedict XVI issued July 7, 2007.

Please refer to the third page of this edition for more information.

Campus Ministry
**Development institute founder describes work**

Father Bill Christensen discusses how poverty he encountered in Bangladesh moved him to start organization.

By ASHLEY CHARNEY

**New Writer**

The problem of poverty is "immense," Father Bill Christensen, who founded the Institute of Integrated Rural Development (IIRD) in Bangladesh, said at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

"Working for Change: Empowering the Poor of Bangladesh," Christensen, who is also the coordinator of the Institute, has been working in Bangladesh since 1986. On a global scale, 18,000 children and 12,000 adults die every day from the toll of poverty and malnutrition.

"I know as an individual, I could not do anything," Christensen said, "so I was most interested to start an organization that would be committed to the poor." The Institute has 300 staff members in 250 villages with 75,000 families.

"We are the poorest families to get housing," he said. "The simplest housing for them costs $60 per family." The Institute has 300 young Bangladesh volunteers between the ages of 15 and 18 who work directly within the families.

"They have all the connection with the poor people," Christensen said. One hundred experienced experts in agriculture, finance, engineering, and many other fields help organize and run the Institute.

The services provided to each family are dependent on their income and the number of meals the working members can provide per day. The IIRD suggests a weekly budget of $7 for the whole project.

"We have the bottom poor, called one- to five-day families," Christensen said. "The next level is two meals a day. The next level is three meals for nine months and two meals during the difficult season. Then there are the poor who have three meals a day but who are on the borderline."

The number of meals in the model refers to the number of families the Institute can provide for for nine months. Other countries that use this model include the United Nations World Food Program and government directors from Bangladesh.

The IIRD also provides one-room schools that hold 30 children.

"The children are from the poorest families," Christensen said. "In order to make them enjoy school, we do plenty of activities such as singing, playing, dancing, and storytelling for one full year. We then add English and environmental science."

By the end of 2005, 13,000 children in Bangladesh were in school. In 2005, 13,000 children in Bangladesh were in school. In 2005, 13,000 children in Bangladesh were in school.

"We teach them the bamboo and grasses necessary to build the school as part of their contribution," Christensen said. "The Institute pays for the bamboo and grasses necessary to build the school, and we call ourselves the Institute of Economics and Social Justice," Christensen said. "This group has taken up what they consider the main economic problem in Bangladesh, which is the garment industry."

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**Dems demand to see memos**

Secret papers allegedly authorize torture techniques for terror suspects.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate and House Democrats on Thursday asked to see two secret memos that reportedly authorized painful interrogation tactics against terror suspects — despite the Bush administration's denials of the reports' existence.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller sent a letter to the acting attorney general saying the administration's credibility is at risk if the documents are not turned over to Congress.

The memos are "critical to an appropriate assessment" of interrogation tactics approved by the White House and the Justice Department, Rockefeller wrote to Acting Attorney General Peter D. Keisler. "Why should the public have confidence that the program is being conducted in the best interests of the United States?"

The West Virginia Democrat said the memos "provide critical information regarding the CIA's description of a program that is contrary to the president's claim that the program is lawful and consistent with U.S. law." Rockefeller said the information could not be obtained from "any other source."

President Bush said Wednesday that the memos do not authorize torture and that he believes the CIA's program is "consistent with the rule of law." But Rockefeller said the memos provided a "contrary account of the program" and that "for an administration to claim that a program is lawful and consistent with U.S. law, it must make the case that the program is not contrary to law."

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**Charges for Haditha Marines may lessen**

Soldier faces murder charge for Iraqi assault.

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — An investigating officer has recommended that a Marine who led his unit in a massacre that killed 24 Iraqi men, women and children should not be tried for murder, a defense attorney said Thursday.

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Fifty years ago, a young priest at the helm of a growing University took a stand. Notre Dame President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh claimed his seat on the inaugural United States Commission on Civil Rights. He would serve on the Commission for 15 years, acting as a public face for both the University and the fight for civil equality for all Americans. Hesburgh’s cause, though political, was an essentially moral stand. On an issue that was sadly too controversial, he stood by the courage of his convictions—and made his views known.

Half a century later, another young priest is at the helm of Notre Dame—now a nationally ranked school that seeks to be the greatest Catholic university in the world. During his first year as president, University President Father John Jenkins prompted extensive debates about the balance of academic freedom and Catholic identity at the University. He has proved willing and able to support serious consideration of difficult issues that are crucial to this University’s future. But great leaders are more than mere moderators; they themselves must take stands.

Jenkins’ position is prosperous. His job will become much more difficult if he alienates any members of the University community, and he often travels lightly on controversial issues.

On Monday, Notre Dame will welcome four of this country’s most visible leaders on the issue of immigration. The group represents very different sides of the debate. Notre Dame’s current television ad claims the University is “fighting for immigration reform.” But is it unclear what this commitment to immigration reform means. Social attitudes on this campus are subject to the dual influence of Catholic social teaching and a vocal conservative population.

The topic of immigration reform is sure to generate strong and opposing responses from members of the University community—like it has in the nation as a whole. Though the University may not want to take a controversial stand because of marketing concerns, it must ultimately take such stances to legitimize its claim as a leader on issues both moral and intellectual.

Students and faculty who want the University to continue to improve must support the idea of having a president willing to take a stand on moral issues, regardless of what those positions are.

That doesn’t mean disagreements should be swept under the rug; it means the community should truly support freedom of opinion and respect a leader who puts his name on the line for controversial but important issues.

To become a great leader—and cement Notre Dame’s position as a truly elite university—Jenkins must push himself to the forefront of public consciousness on the moral issues of our day, even in the face of opposition from within and outside the University community.

In the hot racial tensions of the 1950s, Hesburgh forged himself a name as one of the great 20th century Americans. No one is asking Jenkins to be Hesburgh—a nearly impossible task—but the University’s best interest is to have a nationally known and well-respected president with a history of displaying his strong moral fortitude. Jenkins can be that president.
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The Observer

The Cubbie bandwagon

The Cubs are in the playoffs and, as usual, Notre Dame has become a breeding ground for herd-like mass hysteria among their super­

bers. With brand new Cubs bats and jerseys invading campus like the plague, one can’t help but recall the last time the cub bandwagon achieved this level of popularity in 1993, in the movie “Rookie of the Year”. While no one can deny that this movie is thoroughly entertaining, the plot has more holes than our offensive line (too soon?). It’s important to address these issues, not only to enrich our loyal readers, but also to warn younger generations of the dangers of bandwagon mentality. Our generation is accustomed to the instant gratification that the bandwagon mentality offers. We have never had to worry about the long-term consequences of our actions and are therefore prone to engage in such behavior.

The movie begins, Henry attends a game at Wrigley Field with the stands less than half full. However, as many of you know, the Cubs sell out no matter how bad they are. Henry is out of school, so the game must be in mid­

July. He then snags the bases that empty the team must have been at least 20 games under .500, with next to no chance of making the post-season. Yet somehow a pitcher, not to mention a closer, is single handedly able to bring the team to the playoffs. The plot twists, as expected, go off the rails. Something that, in actuality, would be tantamount to a 12 year old walk on with a mysterious calf injury haunting 70 yard field goals and taking us to a national championship at 7-5. In the movie, Henry’s special “talent” is discovered when he uncorks a 450­

foot home run after the catcher center field bleachers to home plate after the opposing team’s batter hits a home run and the surrounding fans urge him to throw the ball back is Wrigley Field custom. The catcher then proceeds to attempt to tag out the batter who has not yet finished rounding the bases but nevertheless has the wherewithal to slide under the tag prompting the opposing team to issue an unequivocal safe call. Apparently, all these parties involved did not understand the standard rule for when a ball goes over the fence and how fans in attendance do not serve as 40,000 additional field­

mons.

Next, we come to Daniel Stern’s char­

acter in the comedic pitching coach who always seems to be getting himself trapped in odd places. Not only is there no reason to believe the life could get stuck between the doors of adjoining hotel rooms, but does the team not realize their pitching coach isn’t there?

What happens when a call is made to the bullpen or a pitching change needs to be made? This, however, never seems to be a concern for this team of destiny. Moving on, let us not forget how much of a dweeb this kid is. He is equivalent to your little brother’s friend who always tries to talk to you about how much he makes in Junior high and how drunk he gets all the time. It is completely unbelievable that he was able to portray a team of thirty year old men lifting this kid. From the d­bag in “American Pie” to the d­bag in “Kid in King Arthur’s court.” Thomas Ian Nicholas (Henry) has been almost unwatchable to watch. On the other end of the spectrum, however, we have Gary Busey. Never before has a movie had such a dichotomy in terms of coolness between the two main characters. Busey is the one player we can actually imagine the character of Motocross Kids ... also starring Gary Busey.

We end with the final game where John Candy, the movie announcer, declares: “This game is for all the mar­

ts! The Division Champions­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
By KAITLIN SPILLANE
Scene Writer

It's 10:40 on Monday morning. As soon as I painfully long calculus class ends, I race toward the exit of Hayes-Healy Hall eager to avoid the crush of people. Of course, this is a little quest, for as soon as I get out I am pushed and jostled by every which way by fellow students determinedly heading for his or her own destination. Finally, I make it out to South Quad, where it seems as if the traffic flow is a little clearer. Clearing in the direction of the Louis Fitness Center, I pause to take a sip of coffee or water—happily, a less-than-observant cyclist plows into me.

"Sorry," the culprit casually says over his shoulder as he peddles merrily away, leaving me with a bruising leg and much more than a sip of coffee all over the front of my shirt. Suffice it to say, the rest of my morning was spent simmering in angry thoughts. Toward the end of the week, I inadvertently began to notice the disturbing amount of near collisions between bikers and innocent pedestrians. Should you find yourself surrounded by fellow bikers, and bikers and inanimate objects (trees and squirrels),

I used to enjoy studying with bikers for the ease at which they could travel around campus. Now, I am starting to fear them.

For all intents and purposes, bicycles are an excellent mode of transportation at Notre Dame. Having a bike means you can sleep that extra 10 minutes or talk a little longer with your fellow classmates, instead of rushing off. You can laugh at those lonely walkers trudging their way from DeBartolo to Rockne while you speed by.

Still, the owner of a bike faces many perils. Balancing on two wheels with a thirty-pound bucket bag upon your back, Starbucks in one hand, and your cell phone in the other all while navigating through the throngs of students (without a helmet, I might add!) takes the skill of a trapeze artist. Lose your focus for just one second, and you are risking more than a puncture to your tires. This is a "no-no" when considering sanitation and the functionality of shoes designed for shower-going.

The awkward introduction

The winner of "best month ever" clearly isn't Notre Dame football. Thanks to the welcoming of the Class of 2011, the awkward introduction wins once more. Somehow I thought that this prelude was over.

The awkward introduction: What is the correct way to introduce yourself to someone you don't know? Is it to tie a skating lanyard around your neck? Is it to be a rainy day and stand in the rain trying to figure out where to go? Do you give up and ask someone for help? Do you ask if they are a freshman or a sophomore? Do you ask if they are a gentleman or a lady? Do you look into their eyes and really mean it when you say, "Hi, I'm [name]."

I think we've all been there. The awkward introduction is a day to remember. It is the day that you first step into a new chapter of your life and make the connections that will last you a lifetime. It is the day that you are no longer just a stranger, but a friend.

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

Two things I can't complain about from this past month: the beautiful, if brisk, weather and the overwhelming amount of work of an unoccupied freshman.

And, yes, you should be proud at all your pre-engraving and pre-med majors. In fact, my slight excess of five free time hours allowed me to recoup some personal and general highlights of Notre Dame life this month.

Apothecaries to whom don't find these highlights intriguing, but they are endearing us as a campus newcomer.

NRC

Who else thought nationally televised home games would be a personal shout out to everyone back home? Also, the sea of green is causing serious psychological issues for me. It was a sad revelation when I described myself as "the one in the green shirt," at my first home game. But really, can't my mom just lie to me? She should at least disguise the failure of her hours spent scrutinizing the NBC broadcast — and easily saved me the identity crisis. Yet it is good to know someone's exploiting the vast market that is empty-nesters.

du Lac

What's so great about a place du Lac? Smokin' and sandwiches, while repeating the same mix of '80s, '90s, and today? The answer becomes clear in du Lac. Nothing else so dramatically dictates Notre Dame's social life, except for maybe MTV and football. Props to a bar that has successfully linked the jingle of keys to the absence of the opposite sex. The slightest whiff of the famous fumes to the showering angler can you no longer legitimately explain the presence of males.

Flip flops

Exploiting the vast market, this word has gained meaning outside of summer and John Kerry criticism. The influx of flip flops since my arrival to ND is incomprehensible. I've never had to set limits for where I can wear a specific set of sandals. But I learned the lesson of "shoe boundaries" after accidentally wearing show flops to the dining hall. Word of advice: I am a "no-no" when considering sanitation and the functionality of shoes designed for shower-going.

Gold

No I'm not talking about our freshman football, Golden Tate; think color. Not since the 1970s disco scene has the metallic hue so often adorned by the male masses. A little feminine sparkle is usually exciting, but the same cannot often be said for guys. Maybe the trend started with our football players, whom daw your spanx take on the football field. Now想想 about the risk of an entire roster adorned in high-tide, strewly golden pants? Yet the color's sustainability extends pass the fluorescent boots here at ND. Take a look around, you'll notice the sweatpants, shorts, and, yes, more spanx in the same hue. Who knows something so shiny could be so appealing to male class-goers, game-goers, and players alike.

Only at ND.
American rock band Interpol has attained both commercial and critical success with its past three albums.

One Love to Admire

Released by: Capitol Records
Recommended Tracks: "Pioneer to the Falls," "The Heinrich Maneuver," "Who Do You Think?" and "Wrecking Ball"

Photo courtesy of wendylynchphotography.com

Interpol's third album stays true to its sound without becoming tired. Few between (and likely tongue in cheek anywhere)

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Whether it is through a New York Times article on the shrinking amount of arctic ice, the constant questioning of potential candidates on green issues or the upcoming meeting of 70 government heads to consider a replacement for the Kyoto accords, issues concerning the energy crisis hold a strong sway over world interest. Beginning this Sunday, Notre Dame will offer its own forum for discussion of energy related issues with the Notre Dame Energy Week.

To open the events, the Notre Dame Energy Center, the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, Joint Engineering Council, Students for Environmental Action and Notre Dame Student Government will present a showing of "A Crude Awakening; The Oil Crash." The film offers a perspective on one of the most contentious facets of the energy debate.

Produced and directed by European filmmakers and journalists Beppe Gelpke and Ray McCormack, "A Crude Awakening" is a 90-minute documentaty that uses archival footage, recent film from around the world and a wide range of interviews to argue that society is addicted to oil, a resource that is about to peak, if it has not already, and begin running out. Advocating an over­ all shift away from oil, the film attempts to illustrate the possibly dire economic and political effects of ignoring this issue for too long. Students for Environmental Action co-president Thomas Furlong says that the film shows a different perspective; instead of focusing on the issue of global climate change it narrows the focus to an issue that no one can deny. Oil is running out and steps must be taken to prepare for decreased supply.

The film includes interviews with Colin Campbell, a petroleum geologist who predicts that oil production will peak this year, Matt Simmons, the chairman and CEO of Simmons & Company International; Roscoe Bartlett, a Maryland congressman who supports renewable energy legislation; Fadhil Chalabi the former Iraqi Oil Minister; former Secretary-General of the UN, and current director of the Centre for Global Energy Studies, and Terry Lynn Karl, a Stanford University political scientist who wrote "The Paradox of Plenty: Oil Booms and Petro-Sates."

Winning prizes at seven film festivals, "A Crude Awakening" has been heralded as the next "Inconvenient Truth." Whatever one's opinions on the world's energy situation, films like this help bring awareness and sponsor the debates that lead to innovations and solutions, so don't miss this timely screening.

"A Crude Awakening" is a free event that will show at 8 p.m. in DeBartolo 101. It will be followed by "Killowat Hours," which reviews America's energy-related problems.

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McGlinn hosts Meal of Nations Sunday

Observer Staff Report

McGlinn Hall hosts its annual Meal of Nations on October 6 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

The Meal of Nations is a food tasting of different international cuisines. This year's event will also feature performances by on-campus student groups VSAND (Vietnamese Student Association of Notre Dame) and FASO (Filipino-American Student Organization). All proceeds from the event go to benefit the Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Hondo Valley, the Dominican Republic.

McGlinn Hall Multicultural Commissioner Lai-Nin Wan urged students to attend.

"The best part is the performances we're going to, and the most challenging part is getting the word out — it's hard encouraging people to come on a Sunday, but it's going to be for a good cause," she said in an e-mail Thursday.
BP erases 18-point deficit to tie Pangborn at 24

Babes convert two 3-point conversions in second-half comeback; PW blanks Badin; Lyons and Lewis play to a draw

By MATT GAMBER, FLUCIO TECO, and SAM WERNER

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Marion Jones, a multi-medalist in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, reportedly admitted to using a steroid called "the clear" two years prior to the Olympics in which she won three gold medals. She had previously denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

IN BRIEF

Daniel will captain U.S. women's golf team at Solheim Cup

Daniel will captain the U.S. Solheim Cup team for the 2009 matches at Rich Harvest Farms in Illinois.

Diener's family a source of help, competition

INDIANAPOLIS — If Indiana Pacers guard Travis Diener needs advice on basketball, he doesn't have to look far for answers.

Rockies to compensate minor league widow

PHILADELPHIA — The Colorado Rockies voted a full playoff share for the widow of minor league coach and former Indianapolis Indians player Mike Coolbaugh, who was killed by a line drive this season while coaching first base.

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Matsui’s grand slam lifts Rockies over Phils

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Done chasing that wild-card dream, Kzu Matsui and the relentless Colorado Rockies are playing like champs.

Matsui hit his first career grand slam and drove in five runs, leading the Rockies over the Philadelphia Phillies 10-5 for a 2-0 lead in their NL playoff series.

A day after taking a pitchers’ duel, Colorado outslugged the Phils and got a big boost from its bullpen. With 16 victories in 17 games, the Rockies are winning every which way.

“We believe we’re going to win every game,” manager Clint Hurdle said. “We’ve been playing in the losers’ bracket for a month.”

Matsui connected off Kyle Lobase, rushed in to relieve struggling rookie Kyle Kendrick in the fourth inning.

Lobase was thePhillies’ scheduled Game 4 starter. At this rate, the best-of-five series may not get that far.

Rockie Ubaldo Jimenez will try to plop Colorado to a sweep Saturday night at Coors Field against veteran Jamie Moyer.

Making just the second post-season appearance in the franchise’s 15-year history, Colorado is on the verge of going to its first NL championship series. The Rockies posted their eighth straight road victory.

Matsui fell a single short of the cycle, and Troy Tulowitzki and Matt Holiday homered on consecutive pitches in the first inning off Kendrick, who got a quick hook from manager Charlie Manuel.

Bored out of New York after 2 1/2 seasons with the Mets, Matsui is a perfect fit in calmer Colorado.

“I couldn’t make good results in New York,” Matsui said through a translator. “I’m glad I have a good environment and a good team in Colorado.”

The Phillies had a chance to make it interesting in the eighth, loading the bases with two outs.

But closer Manny Corpas came in and retired Carlos Ruiz, Corpas worked around a pair of two-out singles in a scoreless ninth for his second save in as many days.

Before the game, Corpas came under scrutiny because he was caught by TBS cameras on Wednesday pouring a liquid on the front of his jersey and patting his chest and rubbing his fingers before throwing a pitch.

He didn’t appear to be doing anything shady in this appearance.

Jimmy Rollins homered and drove in four runs and Ryan Howard also went deep for Philadelphia, which ended a 14-year playoff drought by capturing the NL East title on the final day of the season.

ND Swimming
Irish start season with Relays
Men and women defend last season’s victory over Ball State

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame gets its season started today at 5 p.m. with the 48th annual Dennis Stark relays at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

At last season’s edition of the event, both the men and the women claimed victory over second-place Ball State.

The men won the title for the fourth time in 11 years, and the women swept all 11 swimming events while claiming one of the two diving events.

Both the men and women have the personnel to defend their titles.

All-Big East swimmer Katie Carroll has graduated, but the Irish women return four swimmers who competed in the NCAA Championships last season — junior Christa Higgins, sophomore Megan Farrell, junior Claire Hutchison and senior Carollie Johnson.

The women’s swimming team also returns all-conference performers — junior Jeff Wood, sophomore Daniel Corpas and sophomore diving duo of Tiffany Hobak and Natalie Stitt.

The men also return several key performers — junior Sam Purcell, senior Michael Loughlin and senior Andrew Hoffman, junior Sam Fenderson, senior Jay Vanden Berg and senior Bob Seery.

The Irish men’s diving team also returns all-conference performers — junior Michael Buffin and senior Sam Stoner, who swept the diving events at the Relays last year.

In addition to the returning talent, the men’s team has a fresh freshman class.

“We’re looking for all of them to contribute,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “This is an outstanding freshman class.”

Welsh said the Relays will provide a good barometer for measuring where the Irish men currently stand.

“We have a lot of looking to do,” Welsh said. “After all of the training we’ve done, we want to see where we are...”

“We’re going to focus on going faster and getting each man to improve his lifetime best time. We’re just excited to get the season started.”

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and getting our offense some momentum this weekend."  

Burns said the offensive contributions from Keenan's strong offensive line as the offense seeks to build on the success of last weekend.  

Alumini has a bye last week, but is looking to pick up where they left off in this weekend's game after an long weekend opening loss to Morrissey.

"To beat Morrissey, Keenan stopped the pass, which is something we could not do. And the reason why we lost on thee second weekend last year," senior captain Bret Shapot said.  

"We expect to play a tough game on defense and put together several solid offensive drives," he continued.  

Beating Morrissey does not give Keenan an easy game against Alumini.  

Shapot said senior linebacker Nick Fasnauer and senior defensive end Dan O'Dwyer should be solid contributors on defense.

On offense, quarterback Pat Hushaw must keep the Keenan defense on their toes.  

The offensive line has emerged as a strong dual threat signal caller.

Keough vs. Dillon  

Entering this weekend's game against Dillon, Keough finds itself in a slightly unfamiliar position.  

Keough is coming off its first win in seven years and faces the Kangaroos on the road.

"We need to make sure that our offense runs correctly the entire game," junior quarterback Matt Conley said.

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Saint Mary's travels to Bedford Valley Golf Club in Round Lake, Ill., today to begin the two-day MIAA Championship on the course that plays host to the first round today at 1 p.m. and the second round at 9 a.m. tomorrow. The tournament will be part of the 10th annual Texas Open since 1993.

Spanish Fork native Twayne Tway said, "Our goal is to win the two-day tournament, that is it." Hamilton added, "We are going to try to maintain our second-place position in the conference, because then we will be able to host a qualifying tournament next year." The team is coming off a shut-out victory last week against the third-ranked Jamborees with 1,029 total strokes — 41 strokes behind first-place Olivet with 988 strokes.

Making up the deficit will be a tall order for the Belles, and coach MacKenzie said Hamilton wants the team not to focus on trying to catch Saint Mary's.

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"It was a little disappointing. We started off well, but we defi-

belted really badly. We had a couple big scores that cost us," Hamilton said. "Senior Kate O'Brien hopes to continue her strong play up to this point in the season and lead her teammates to a win this weekend. She owns two of the best rounds in MIAA play this year, with a 76 and a 78. She finished sixth at Buck Run with an 85.

Abu providing veteran leadership will be junior Meredith Fantom, who had the second-best round for the Belles at Buck Run with an 85.

The team's biggest surprise has been the substantial contribution being made by this team by freshmen Emily Gove, Megan Fehr, Rosie O'Connor, Michelle Lillied and Amanda Mainstone. Saint Mary's ranks 116th in the Division III NCAA/NAIA/JC Women's Freshman Class Impact Rankings, with an average freshman score 88.15. The Belles have four freshmen in their top five players.

Hamilton would like Tway to break even on the course where his players come of age and excel.

"We would like to play well, to play to our potential, I think the girls are anxious to show their potential," Hamilton said.

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PGA TOUR

Parnevik fires career round in Texas Open

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Jesper Parnevik spent two months this year trying to play with an injured toe. He broke it while scurrying around on his boat and jamming his foot into a case of beer.

No, Parnevik wasn’t drinking. "That was the problem," he said. "The case was full." Now Parnevik can down a celebrated beer. He shot a career-best 9-under 63 on Thursday to take a four-stroke lead after the first round of the Texas Open, overcoming an opening bogey to birdie eight of the next 11 holes.

The 42-year-old Swede, who has talked about the last of his five PGA Tour titles in 2001, also birdied his final two holes — Nos. 8 and 9 — after starting the round with a stroke of the 19th green on the LaFayette Golf Club Resort Course. The 61 topped his previous PGA Tour best of 62, set last year in a second-place finish in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

"It’s the lowest score at the Texas Open since Bart Bryant shot a 60 in the third round when he won in 2004. On the PGA Tour this season, Fred Forsythe tied a 60 in the third round of the Tour Championship," Tway said.

A low score wasn’t on Parnevik’s mind after the bogey start. His line out of a greenside bunker left him 24 feet short, and he needed the par putt on his first hole.

"Normally, that’s where the panic sets in. That it’s going to be a really sorry day," Parnevik said. "But I came into this week feeling the game was there." Major champions Justin Leonard — the 2000 and 2001 Texas Open winner — and Bob Tway were at 65 along with 2002 champion Robert Gamez, Mathias Grunberg, Matt Hendrix, Neal Lancaster, Shigeki Maruyama, Danielle Chapa, Richard S. Johnson and Dan Forsman.

Tway birdied his final four holes.

"It was an average round, then I make four in a row and all of a sudden it became a good round," Tway said. "It was kind of strange.

Chad Campbell, the Viking Classic winner Sunday in Mississippi, shot a 66 to top a group that included 1995 U.S. Open winner Corey Pavin, defending champion Eric Salay had a 67, holing a bunker shot from 34 yards for birdie on No. 18.

There were 30 players within six shots of Parnevik. Overall, 66 players broke par on day with light wind and temperatures in the upper 80s.

A flurry of putter changes this week helped Parnevik return to the form he showed when he was winning regularly. He tried a belly putter last weekend before settling on a more traditional brand of putter Wednesday he’s never seen.

Belles middlefielder Katy Durkin, right, goes after the ball in Saint Mary’s 0-0 tie against Olivet on Sept. 25.

Saint Mary’s seeks revenge after losing to Hope 1-0 last season

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Saint Mary’s will take the field against Hope Saturday at noon, looking to avenge its 1-0 loss to the Flying Dutch Dutch season.

This will be the Belles’ third conference game of the season. The Belles (5-1-4, 1-0-2 MIAA) tied their last two games in double overtime against conference foes Alabon and Olivet. Hope (6-0-6, 2-1-0) lost its game against Calvin 3-0 last Saturday, but defeated Tri-State University 6-1 Tuesday, putting itself in third place in the MIAA.

"I expect a well coached team with a lot of discipline," Saint Mary’s head coach Caryl MacKenzie said. "I expect them to bring nothing less than their best."

Two of the Belles’ key players have been hampered with injuries the past few games. Sophomore forward Micki McDermott and junior forward Lauren Hilton, who did make an appearance in last Saturday’s game against Hope, Hilton managed to take four shots on goal, including a shot that was tipped off the crossbar and headed in by freshman Julia Graffman, but was saved by Olivet goal-keeper Sarah Westom in the 87th minute. Hilton will be back in again for a portion of Saturday’s game.

Last Saturday, the Belles were also missing senior defender Jamie Higgins, who was sidelined after receiving a red card in Saint Mary’s game against Albion Sept. 25.

Saint Mary’s has struggled to convert in front of the goal, but it has managed to post 121 shots with 13 goals by nine different players, with Hilton leading the way. The Belles have shown their strength, defeating Kalamazoo 7-3-1, 2-1-0 in their conference opener.

"We’re still trying to sort out our lineup up top still," MacKenzie said. "We’re doing a lot of good things, and playing well right now."

"We’re expecting a good game from a very good team who we won’t beat unless we bring our best. After ending their last two games in a tie, the Belles are fired up to score, and ready after a week’s rest to show Hope the Belles are a fire that keeps burning."

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Belles ready for first 6K of season
By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Though today’s Benedictine Invitational in Lisle, Ill., won’t directly count toward the Saints’ standing in the six-kilometer meet of season one, one of the Belles’ most valuable training experiences leading up to the six-kilometer conference championship on Oct. 27, "This meet is important because it’s the first 6K that we will have run this season," coach Jackie Bauters said. "Because it’s the only 6K we run before championships, we need to use it as a learning tool and hopefully come away with some success to feel better going into the big show."

A fourth-place finish in last year’s meet propelled the Belles to fifth place in the MIAA standings, the best result since 1996. As she has in virtually every meet of her Saint Mary’s career, senior standout Megan Gray probably will lead the pack. Along with Gray, freshmen Catie Salter and Sam Wieczorek, sophomore Van McChesney and senior Okena Biky have scored in all four of the Belles’ meets. Junior Caitlin Stevenson had a "breakthrough performance" last weekend, Bauters said, and is hoping to continue her improvement. The runner Bauters is really keeping her eye on, however, is freshman Anne Maguire. "I really believe Anne is ready to have a great race," Bauters said. "I think the longer course will be of benefit to her."

Ideally, it will prove to be a benefit to the whole team. "It’s important to find out how ready we are to tackle the longer, slightly longer races. If it really impacts us at all," Bauters said. "If we’re not there yet, we have three more weeks to get ready for the big show."

"Hopefully we’ll discover what our weaknesses are and how to improve upon them during the next few weeks."

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Irish senior Sheeva Parbhu lines up a forehand in Notre Dame’s 7-0 victory over Indiana on Nov. 24, 2006. Parbhu lost Thursday in the first round of the Intercollegiate Tennis Championships.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Cali not so sunny for Buck
Senior loses singles match and doubles match with teammate Tefft
By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame captured multiple individual titles at last week’s Michigan Invitational, the Irish had no such luck this week at the Riviera/ITA Women’s All-American Championships. Senior captain Brook Buck and junior Kelly Tefft traveled west to participate in the tournament, held at the Riviera Tennis Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

No. 91 Buck started play on Tuesday, participating in the qualifying singles bracket against UNC’s Amanda Fink. It was a hard fought match, but No. 53 Fink proved too great a challenge for Buck, downing her in three sets.

Buck struggled to perform in her first set and eventually lost 6-0. Her second round showed improvement, and she managed a 6-3 win. However, Fink got the best of her, claiming the third set, 6-3.

In the consolation draw against Auburn’s Alex Haney, Buck was once again unable to best her opponent. While she ended her first set victorious with a score of 6-2, she could not continue this performance, dropping the last two sets 6-2 and 6-4.

Although Buck was unable to win her matches, she can still be proud of her performance and set wins, Irish head coach Jay Louderback said. "All of the top kids in the country are there," Louderback said. "This is the best tournament of the fall, ranked just a little under the NCAA Tournament."

On Thursday, Buck joined Tefft to compete in the doubles portion of the tournament.

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Men’s Tennis

Parbhu drops first-round match
Senior captain falls in prestigious Intercollegiate Championships
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Notre Dame senior captain Sheeva Parbhu fell in her opening round match Thursday 6-3, 6-0 to Bojan Szumanski of Texas Tech in the Intercollegiate Tennis Championships.

Parbhu is the lone Irish representative in the double-elimination Tulsa, Okla., tournament. He is guaranteed at least one more match. "I am looking to continue to play at a high level," Parbhu said before the tournament. "I want to keep the good season going, and get some experience against some of the best players in the country."

Due to the NCAA’s 25-tournament limit, Parbhu did not participate in last weekend’s Tom Fallon Invitational so he could take part in the Intercollegiate Championships. The Irish dominated singles play without Parbhu, capturing a 26-14 victory. "The athletes are only allowed to play 25 matches, and he would have had to miss some dual matches because of this rule and that he is going to Oklahoma this weekend," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said earlier this week. "The fall Invitational is a good chance for me to see some of the younger players. We also got to see junior Brett Heisgen play and he came up big."

Parbhu and Heisgen are co-currents in the Irish lineup, Bayliss said. The Irish will resume tournament play on Oct. 18 in the ITA Midwest Championships.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Flying Dutchmen clobber Belles 3-0

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Flying Dutchmen of Hope killed any hope Saint Mary’s had Thursday of winning, dominating the Belles 3-0.

Once Hope — which entered the match third in the MIAA — gained a lead in a game, it never relinquished it. The 3-0 sweep made it the seventh consecutive match Saint Mary’s, which entered the match fifth in the conference, has lost to Hope.

Hope was unstoppable, sending kill after kill to the feet of the Belles. Leading attackers for Hope were junior outside hitter Nora Stenek with 17 kills and sophomore middle blocker Teresa Iorst with 15. Hope had a combined 60 kills in the match.

Saint Mary’s tried to ward off the Flying Dutchmen with a team-high 46 digs and 12 blocks. Sophomore libero Laura Morris led the defensive effort with 11 digs. Offensive leaders were sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupezycki with 12 kills and junior middle blocker Karla Hellman with 11. The Belles combined for 28 kills on the night.

Besides the deadly attacks by Hope, the Belles also faced some internal struggles.

"It was the mental part of the game, lack of trust, and lack of unity on the court, which was our greatest weaknesses," head coach Julie Schroeder-Bieck said.

In order to fix these internal struggles, Schroeder-Bieck said, the Belles are going to need to make some changes within their team.

"We need more desire to play to our ability," she said. "We need to bring our game!"

The Belles head to Olivet College on Tuesday.

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MEN’S GOLF

Struggling Irish head to Duke

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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Notre Dame will look to rebound from a disappointing eighth-place performance at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic last weekend when it competes in the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic Sunday in Durham, N.C.

The Irish will be part of a strong, 15-team field that includes host No. 13 Duke and No. 19 Wake Forest. Other top teams in the field include Ohio State, Virginia Tech and Maryland.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the team enjoys playing challenging fields that include ranked teams.

"The guys got excited about it," Kubinski said. "That’s why they come to Notre Dame, to play against the top national competition."

The 54-hole event begins at the Duke Golf Club with two rounds Sunday on the par-72 course. The tournament will end Monday with the final 18 holes of the 7,105-yard course.

Last year’s Duke Golf Classic champion, Coastal Carolina, will not return to defend its title.

This is Notre Dame’s first time playing in the Duke Golf Classic, but Kubinski has high expectations for the team’s performance.

"Our No. 1 goal would be to have all five players in contention for a counting score," Kubinski said. "A top-five score would be good as far as NCAA standings."

Notre Dame enters the tournament coming off a setback this week at the Gridiron Golf Classic. The Irish struggled at the Warren Golf Course after a strong opening round, falling from third Sunday to an eventual finish for eighth Tuesday.

Michigan State won by 14 shots in the only home tournament for the Irish this year.

Kubinski said the Irish will look to sharpen some areas of their game at the Duke Classic that the team struggled with this week.

"I think the main things we want to improve are our putting and iron play," Kubinski said.

The highlight of the tournament for Notre Dame was the play of sophomore Doug Fortner, who tied for second. Fortner’s finish was the best of his Notre Dame career, and his 54-hole total of 210 tied for third lowest in Irish history.

Another bright spot for the Irish was the performance of several underclassmen participating in the tournament as individuals. Sophomore Kyle-Wills and freshmen Tyler Bieck and Mitch Elvee finished in the top 20 for the Irish in the tournament.

"Tyler’s been playing very well," Kubinski said. "He’s going to be playing in his first travel event this week and I think he’d do very well."

Kubinski also said he expects junior Josh Sandman and senior Greg Rodgers to continue their good play.

Many young Irish golfers will play this fall as Notre Dame looks to find its top performers.

"With so many players with so little experience, a lot of guys will get a chance to contribute," Kubinski said.

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WOMEN’S CREW

Rowers begin season at Head of the Rock

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will open its season Sunday in Rockford, Ill., with the Head of the Rock Regatta, which traditionally opens the Irish schedule.

More than 1,700 rowers of all ages will compete in one of more of 42 events on a 2.75-mile course on the Rock River. Three Irish boats will compete.

Kim Marquette, Northwestern; St. Louis; and Marquette in No. 4-Eight, row boat 4-1 completion, Una Scaurgoer, Marquette, Northwestern, Purdue, Iowa, St. Thomas and Wisconsin.

Last season, the Head of the Rock was canceled because of inclement weather. In 2005, the Irish took third in the open competition and sixth in the novice regatta.

The Irish finished ninth last season in the NCAA Championships.

After this weekend, Notre Dame takes nearly a month off before renewing their quest to get back to the NCAAs. On Nov. 4, the Irish travel to Buffalo Island, Ill., for the Cal Sag Regatta, and a week later they host Northwestern in a dual meet on the Saint Joseph River.

After the spring thaw, Notre Dame will race several more times, including at the NCAAs but those regattas do not have a scheduled date set.

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Irish senior Greg Rodgers watches a putt in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic last weekend.

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get a win Sunday, the playoffs may be a possibility.
This year, Lewis has been led by senior quarterback Catherine Guarnieri, who threw a game-winning touchdown against the Babes.
Pangborn's stellar group of underclassmen, led by sophomore receiver and captain Meghan Beschler, will also lend their support.
Pasquerilla West vs. Lyons
Sunday's matchup between Lyons and Pasquerilla West features two teams fighting for their lives. Both are on the
cusp of the playoffs and a loss could mean somebody is going home.
Pasquerilla West continued its momentum from last week and defeated Bruce-Phillips and Lewis in its first two games. However, it has since been slowed by back-to-back losses to Welsh Family and Kellenberg.
The defending champions are led on offense by freshman quarterback Grace Lyons, who has accounted for all of the Weasels' touchdowns this year, both through the air and on the ground.
Pasquerilla West's strong defense has also created offensie turnovers giving numerous interceptions as well as a safety.
Lyons is in a similar situation as the Weasels, and Pasquerilla West is also losing to Welsh Family and Pangborn.
Sophomore quarterback Claire Connell and freshman receiver Allie Lundy lead the Lyons on offense.
That offense is complemented by staunch defense. Senior captain Judith Kazmerek and senior safety Joanna Collins will look to force turnovers out of the Weasels and hopefully convert interceptions into touchdowns.
Lyons senior captain Katie Mackin could not be reached for comment Thursday.
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Associated Press
COLUMBIA — South Carolina coach Spurrier spoiled Kentucky's perfect start and found himself right where he loves to be — in the thick of the Southeastern Conference race.
"Our guys are starting to believe the ball can keep bouncing our way," Spurrier said.
It certainly did Thursday night in the 11th-ranked Gamecocks' 38-23 win over previously undefeated No. 8 Kentucky.
Defensive end Eric Norwood tied an NCAA record with two touchdown returns and Spurrier stayed unbeaten against the Wildcats (5-1, 1-1 SEC).
While Spurrier was excited with South Carolina's eighth-straight victory over Kentucky, he brushed aside talk of what Kentucky fans with his words: "We thought we did something big beating Clemson, then Kentucky beat them, also." The Wildcats beat Clemson 28-20 in the Music City Bowl last December.
With both teams ranked for the first time when facing each other, Spurrier got the best of Kentucky for the 15th time. It's extremely disappointing to be in a position to go two and oh in the league and now we're way back in the pack," Brooks said.
It was the poorest performance of the season for Kentucky (5-1, 1-1), which was held to half its SEC-leading average of 46.6 points a game.
Andrew Woodson, the hero of the Wildcats' surprising start, was pressured into several errors.
He fumbled after halfback Williams' sack on Kentucky's first drive, and Norwood picked it up for a 2-yard TD return that put the Gamecocks ahead 7-0. Then with the teams tied at 10 in the second quarter, Woodson drove Kentucky to the 9, but threw his second interception of the season to end the threat.
The mistakes continued after halftime. Woodson's lateral to fullback John Conner was muffed, and this time Norwood grabbed it and ran 53 yards for his second score and a 24-10 lead.
Norwood's touchdown returns matched an NCAA record accomplished three times before, the last by Southern Methodist's Alvin Snubille against Nevada in 2004.
Norwood had a blocked punt that changed the momentum in South Carolina's 38-21 win over Mississippi State last Saturday. His play is even more critical since the Gamecocks have lost defensive starters in linebacker Jasper Brinkley and lineman Nathan Pepper since Sept. 15.
"I knew it was time to step up," Norwood said. "When they went down, I think it was pretty evident that I had to do it along with the other guys on defense."
Woodson finished 23 of 40 for 227 yards, but was sacked three times. Rafael Little had his fifth 100-yard game of the year with 135 yards rushing.
None of it was enough.
The Wildcats closed to 31-23 on Woodson's 6-yard touchdown pass to Steve Johnson with 6:09 left, but Corey Boyd's 27-yard TD catch on South Carolina's next drive secured the Gamecocks' eighth straight win in the series.
"We definitely made a lot of mistakes, especially me personally," Conner said. "It's something we haven't been doing all year."
Sophomore middle blocker Tara Erzweller goes for a kill during Notre Dame’s 3-0 win over West Virginia on Nov. 12, 2006.

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records of 4-0 and both Villanova and Pittsburgh are 3-1.

This weekend, Notre Dame split its home series, with its first 3-0 sweep of St. John’s against Seton Hall Saturday, followed by a tough loss to Villanova Sunday.

"I think there were some really bright spots this weekend and there were also some results that were less than what we expected," coach Debbie Brown said.

"In St. John’s against the Pirates, the Irish played their most effective offensive game of the season with a .319 attack percentage. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis recorded the best offensive numbers with 25 assists and the highest kill percentage, successfully hitting six of seven balls."

Senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk posted nine kills, and freshman outside hitter Selena posted seven kills.

"The team is continuing to learn a lot. There is no question that we feel like we shot ourselves in the foot with Villanova," Brown said. "It’s time to get under control and then we let the match slip away. We are looking to rectify mistakes and learn from our mistakes."

Saturday’s contest will be the deciding home game of the season for Notre Dame.

Last season, the Irish swept Rutgers 3-0. The Scarlet Knights are 1-3 in the Big East with an overall record of 3-10. They have won two of their last three, to No. 19 Oregon and, most recently, lost their home opener 3-0 to South Florida.

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**Big East**

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a target on us." Miller said. "They have a lot of pressure on them because they can’t really afford to be losing games at this point.

"The Big East season is coming to a point where you really need to be grabbing a position, and we’re standing in their way.

West Virginia’s defense has been nothing short of a brick wall this season. In their nine games, the Mountaineers have conceded only three goals, and their 0.33 goals-against average is the best in the Big East. Their tough defense will test the Notre Dame offense, which has been shut out only one time in its last 23 games.

Irish coach Bobby Clark attributed West Virginia’s defensive prowess to a combination of tactics and talent.

"They’re fairly cautious, and they keep their back four (defenders) at home plus their defensive central midfielder," Clark said. "Plus, they’re good players, and the bulk of their players are back from last year.

West Virginia returns eight starters from last year’s team that finished 13-3-3, but one player that graduated is Zach Johnson, who led West Virginia last season in goals (14) and points (32).

The Mountaineers miss Johnson’s offensive prowess. West Virginia has not scored more than one goal a game this season, and each of its goals has finished in either a 1-0 win or 1-0 loss.

"Where (West Virginia) needs to make up ground is their forward," Miller said. "They’re returning a really strong squad other than Johnson, so they’re going to be really tough.

The Irish, who have been plagued by nagging injuries, will enter Saturday’s game as healthy as they have been all season. Sophomore midfielder Michael Thomas and forward Tamba Namba both returned to the lineup Wednesday against Michigan, and they will be available to play again Saturday.

Junior forward Kurt Martin, who left Notre Dame’s 1-1 overtime tie with Cincinnati Sept. 28 because of an ankle injury, is likely to return Saturday. Junior defender Jack Traynor, who did not play in the second half of Wednesday’s game because of a muscle strain, is also likely to be back on the field Saturday.

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**Red Storm**

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Brittany Bock said.

"We’re just more focusing on how we’re playing," Bock said. "The past couple games have been more of our mistakes than anything. We’re really focusing on what we have to do and that will take care of the game."

It’s a bit ironic that the team would work on fixing mistakes after its last game, a 6-1 win over Cincinnati Sunday.

The Irish are 3-1 in their last four games and have a 12-3 scoring edge over their opponents in that stretch. Bock said that even momentary lapses of concentration can affect a game, which is why the team is focusing on fundamentals.

"They’re just little errors, little mental mistakes," Bock said. "We’ve been playing well as a team, but it’s just one little mental breakdown on any part of the field that just leads to a whole sequence and then a goal. It’s just staying sharp the whole game, working hard at any moment and not letting down for one second.

"Just 10 seconds of the game can put you out.

The Irish are a Syracuse team Friday that is 4-4-3 and recently tied No. 22 West Virginia in overtime. The Orange goalkeeper, sophomore Eliza Bennett-Italan, has allowed only 31 goals during the season and has made 63 saves. Senior midfielder Jen Taormina leads Syracuse in scoring with four goals.

The Red Storm are 7-2-1 and are fresh off a 4-1 victory over Pittsburgh. Senior forward Kristy Jalalian leads St. John’s with five goals. The Red Storm has rotated two keepers, junior goalkeeper for the NCAA’s.

"Things were under control, but the team dynamic was strong," Bock said.

Freshman Lauren Fowlkes started in goal for the NCAA’s. Bock added that when Fowlkes started and handled the defense, the team dynamic was strong.

"I was really excited about this weekend, and each weekend on forward, just because we’re playing well, we’re on top of things, and things are just starting to click," Bock said. "We’re looking forward to this Friday, and after that, to take care of business the rest of the way."

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

*Scaling the Mountaineers*

Irish host No. 21 WVA in Blue Div. matchup

By GREG ARBOCAST
Sports Writer

After dispatching of rival Michigan 3-0 Wednesday, No. 3 Notre Dame will try to maintain its undefeated record in conference play and eight-game overall unbeaten streak when No. 21 West Virginia comes to town.

The Irish (7-1-2, 4-0-1 Big East) currently occupy first place in the Big East Blue Division — a half-game ahead of No. 2 Connecticut, while the Mountaineers (6-3-0, 2-2-0) enter Saturday’s game No. 3 in the Blue Division. Given the rankings, Notre Dame senior Ryan Miller expects an inspired West Virginia team to show up.

“We’re No. 3 in the country and No. 1 in the Big East, so that puts a little pressure on us,” said Miller. “It’s a conference game, and we need to play well.”

Meanwhile, Fisher

Senior forward Joseph Lapira tries to control the ball during Notre Dame’s 3-0 win over Michigan Wednesday. The Irish face West Virginia Saturday.

**MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

*Battle for the Crooked Stick resumes Sunday*

By ERIC PRISTER, MIKE GOTTMER, PETER REISENAUR, LAURA MYERS and ALEX BARKER
Sports Writers

Fisher and Carroll will once again battle for the coveted Crooked Stick when the two teams meet Sunday at 2 p.m. on Riehle Field.

The traveling trophy currently resides in Fisher; after the Green Wave defeated the Vermin in last year’s final regular season game. This year, Carroll comes into the game with an 0-2 record, but looks to improve its offense against Fisher’s stifling defense.

“We’re just going to stick to our game plan and try to move the ball effectively,” Vermin senior captain Kyle Kownacki said. “We have a lot of potential to have a strong offense; we just haven’t found our rhythm yet.”

Kownacki also considers the rivalry a positive factor.

“It elevates the intensity of the game because more is at stake,” he said. Meanwhile, Fisher comes into this Sunday 1-0 after defeating the Sorin Otters 12-0 last weekend.

“We won the game by two touchdowns, so I’d say we played pretty well,” senior captain Bill Whitaker said. The Green Wave has lofty goals this season, but Whitaker tries to remain focused on this week’s rivalry game.

“We prepare for every game like it’s the championship and we’ve succeeded so far, but we’ll be even more ready this Sunday,” he said.

No matter the opponent, though, Fisher sticks to the same game plan.

“We just have to play Fisher football. The only thing that can stop us is ourselves,” Whitaker said. “If we capitalize on our opportunities and make huge plays on D, then we should be pretty well off come Sunday.”

Keenan vs. Alumni

Keenan looks to continue its winning ways while Alumni looks to earn its first victory of the season this Sunday at 1 p.m. on Riehle Field.

Keenan enters the game with a 2-0 record. After beating Keough thoroughly in its first game of the season, Keenan topped defending champion Morrissey 9-6 in its last game on the legs of a 40-yard field goal and a key goal line stand at the end of the game.

Their early season performance has the Knights tied with rival dorm Stanford for first in the men’s gold league.

Despite such a hot start, Keenan sophomore captain Pat Burns thinks the Knights can do better.

“We have lived up to our expectations so far this year but we still have room to improve,” Burns said. “We want to make a big statement this weekend that we are the best team in this league by going out there and putting up some points.”

### Women's Interhall Football

Pangborn strives for playoffs, Lewis a win

Pazhuuk West, Lyons fight for playoff berth

By GREG ARBOCAST
Sports Writer

Pangborn comes into the game on a 3-0 record and looking for a win against Lyons. Pangborn hopes to clinch a playoff spot as it takes on Lyons Tuesday at 5 p.m. on Riehle Field.

After an opening game loss to Welsh Family, the Phoxes have bounced back, tying Burnside in their first meeting and taking down Lyons and Pazhuuk West in consecutive games. The team added to its unbeaten streak Thursday by tying Green-Phillips 24-24.

Though they expressed some disappointment after giving up an 18-point lead late in the game, the Phoxes are all but guaranteed a playoff spot now.

Lewis comes into the game at 1-2, its first win coming in last weekend’s 6-0 victory over Green-Phillips. However, the Chicks’ game against Iludin was postponed earlier in the season, so if they can

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**ND Women's Soccer**

Team's focus lies in details

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Whatever the cause of Notre Dame's recent success, the Irish don't feel they are doing anything different as they head into this weekend's games at Syracuse and St. John's.

Rather than focusing on specific game plans for the Orange or Red Storm, the Irish worked on their own game, junior midfielder

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ALWAYS PREPARED

Irish quarterback Evan Sharpley threw two touchdown passes last week but remains second on the depth chart. But his priorities are — and always have been — team first.
COMMENTARY

Aggression can be a team strength

Nobody wants to see a team of thugs. Avoiding fights is a good thing, but red-blooded Americans are more than willing to support a team that shows some aggression and its fair share of confidence.

And for good reason. That's the kind of personalites, by and large, we have.

The balance between confidence and cockiness — and between aggression and stupidity — however, is tough to measure.

Against Purdue, freshman Brian Smith was flagged for a late hit on Boilermakers quarterback Curtis Painter. Painter, 10 yards away from the first-down marker on third-and-long, was angling himself toward the boundary. Smith exploited his visit to the sidelines with something more than a push but less than a wrestling, and the referees called a personal foul, extending Purdue's drive, which ended with a Curtis Summers field goal to put the Boilermakers up 26-6.

Even though Smith hit Painter inbounds — and the call was well, bogus — the play was stupid. There are certainly times to make that hit, even if you're going to get a penalty, but not when you've down 20 and about to force a much-needed punt.

But there's something refreshing about Smith's play. He was showing a little passion, a little emotion. It was an unusual sight out of the Notre Dame defense, which hadn't seen that type of play since the rain was coming down in East Lansing, Mich.

It was something of a good sight, but Brian Smith's aggression needs to be harnessed. Certainly, seeing a freshman make an impact on defense with a high-energy playing style is a positive. But that needs to be corrected into a positive, not a negative.

So there's room for hope. A bigger reason for hope is what happened in practice Tuesday.

Charlie Weis explained the situation this way: "We had one of our defensive players stone one of our offensive players right at the line of scrimmage, or even for a minus-one. And everyone stacked back to the huddle. I stopped practice at that time and said, 'I don't get it,' I go, 'This guy just ... slammed a guy at the line of scrimmage, Pancakes him to the ground. You would think as a guy on that group, you'd be excited.'"

"I think that sometimes you just have to make them aware of the perception that they're worrying more."

Having a head coach instill in the team a desire for emotion is something Notre Dame hasn't seen since Lou Holtz was grabbing facemasks and worrying about the University of Navy.

And it's even more important for Weis because he's been adamant about his skepticism for emotion-toying gimmicks before games. Weis still believes that uniform changes and pregame plays last at most a quarter, and that doesn't mean he isn't a fan of emotion.

"It doesn't matter what level it's on — pro, college, it doesn't make a difference. What happens is, that stuff lasts for the start of the game," Weis said.

"Then, early in the game, whether it's pro or college, if you withstand the flurry that happens at the start of the game, then it's just a game."

And, as Weis knows, if you don't play with emotion, it doesn't matter — college or pro.

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The consummate teammate

Irish quarterback Evan Sharpley remains team-focused while vying for top job

By CHRIS HINE
Sport Editor

Reporters crowded around junior quarterback Evan Sharpley as he entered the Guglielmino Athletic Complex on Thursday. Despite Sharpley’s 208-yard, two-touchdown performance in the second half of Notre Dame’s 33-19 loss to Purdue, coach Charlie Weis said in freshman Jimmy Clausen is healthy, Clausen will get the start.

Quarterbacks coach Ron Powlus said Tuesday — and Weis reinforced Wednesday — Clausen looked fine in practice and probably will start Saturday against UCLA, relegating Sharpley to play backup for at least another week.

Sharpley was already the backup for two years behind Brady Quinn. Now he is the backup to Clausen.

Before Clausen’s first start against Penn State, Weis said Clausen was the No. 1 quarterback coming out of the four-man competition, but dominating spring practice.

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Thursday, Weis said at the time Sharpley would have gone to Clausen, but he is happy with his decision.

“I’m not going to complain,” he said. “I’m just going to keep working hard.”

Hulkow’s disappointment

Rich Hulkow, Sharpley’s coach at Marshall High School in Marshall, Mich., said he isn’t surprised his former player is handling himself well.

“Yeah, you think what we felt, at the time,” Hulkow said. “I thought the team responded really well. They also had a bit of a spark out of him.”

Hulkow said. “He’s got a great arm. He’s had one since high school and the days he was a baseball pitcher, so it didn’t surprise me. He’s got a great arm and that’s why he’s at Notre Dame.”

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“Of course I think it is disappointing that people aren’t up front with their athletes. You know, I don’t want to do that with my high school kids and try to play mind games with them,” Hulkow said. “I think everybody operates better from a point of honesty and you know what you want, then you can handle things differently.

“Of course you handle things differently then. You would want to see with your team. And that’s why they want to see with their team. That’s what he has to do, he will do it.”

Back up

Sharpley said he is disappointed he is not the starter, but that does not change the way he gets himself ready each week. While Sharpley does not take the same amount of steps in practice that Clausen does, he still has to concentrate on taking “mental reps” and following along in practice, even if he is not in the play.

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Irish quarterback Evan Sharpley runs past Yellow Jackets linebacker Gary Guyton during Notre Dame’s 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech on Sept. 7 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Irish quarterback Evan Sharpley remains team-focused, though he still has his sights set on being a starter.

“It was just an opportunity to come in and help our team win,” Sharpley said. “And unfortunately that didn’t happen and I take a lot of the blame for that, that we didn’t come back. We were pretty close, had an opportunity and let it get away to him. I thought Sharpley played well in the loss.

“Looking back, I thought the team responded really well. They also had a bit of a spark out of him,” said Jimmy Clausen. “He’s got a great arm. He’s had one since high school and the days he was a baseball pitcher, so it didn’t surprise me. He’s got a great arm and that’s why he’s at Notre Dame.”

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-5
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Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept 1 GA. TECH — L
Sept 8 at Penn State — L
Sept 15 at Michigan — L
Sept 22 MICH. ST. — L
Sept 29 at Purdue — L
Oct 6 at UCLA
Oct 13 BC
Oct 20 USC
Nov. 3 NAVY
Nov. 11 AIR FORCE
Nov. 18 DUKE
Nov. 25 at Stanford

COACHING

Charlie Weis was 19-4 in his first 23 games in South Bend, but he's lost his last seven — and many of them haven't been close. His attempt to rely on overwhelming opponents early in this season has set his young team back in its development.

When the Irish and Arizona met last year, Weis struggled to call effective plays against UCLA defensive coordinator DeWayne Walker. But Derrig'a conservative approach gave Notre Dame a shutout win to end— and Charra's — six-game losing streak.

Karl Dorrell's teams have run hot and cold throughout his tenure. They upset USC at the end of last season, but were blown out in the Emerald Bowl. They've looked good this season — with the exception of a shocking 44-0 loss to Utah.

If Jimmy Clausen is healthy enough, he will start. If he's not, Evan Sharpley will. Both quarterbacks struggled early this season, but both looked much better against Purdue, throwing for a combined 377 yards.

After a strong showing against Michigan State, the Irish went right back to the anemic ground game they had had in previous weeks. The only positive was that for just the second time this season, Notre Dame posted positive net rushing yardage.

Notre Dame's passing game looked much better against Purdue, with Clausen and Sharpley combining for more than 370 yards through the air. Golden Tate gives the Irish a legitimate deep threat, which may help Notre Dame's other receivers get open more often.

Notre Dame
Fighting Irish

Irish Rushing

Notre Dame needs to find the running game that had against Michigan State to have any hope against the Bruins. UCLA has played well on the run and will use its ground attack to keep Notre Dame's offense in check.

Notre Dame's passing game looks like it did in the second half against Purdue, the Irish will go up and down the field on the Bruins.如何, if the Irish are to beat their Big Ten foe, they will have to make up for their shortcomings in other areas.

Final Score: Notre Dame 27 UCLA 24

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All good things must come to an end. So must the bad. UCLA isn't as good as it looked last week, and Notre Dame isn't as bad as it looked in the first four weeks of the season. Golden Tate will take the free safety deep on almost every pass play, freeing up Dovol Kamara underneath. The Irish defense won't be great, but it will do enough, and Notre Dame gets rid of the hula hoop in the win column.

This is the week Notre Dame's offense puts it all together — at least to the point of being balanced and competent at moving the ball. For the sixth straight game, the undersized Irish defensive line will give big yards on the ground. Notre Dame will lose its eighth game in a row, but this one will be close, which is an improvement over the blowouts, at least.

Final Score: UCLA 30 Notre Dame 27
Bruins Rushing

It doesn't matter if opponents run the spread or the T-Formation and it doesn't matter if the running backs are big or small, the under-rated Notre Dame front has given up tops in rushing yards all year.

Chris Markery and Kahlil Bell combine for over 180 yards on the ground per game, and each is averaging more than five yards per carry. The Bruins rushed for over 330 yards against Washington two weeks ago.

For the sixth straight week, the Irish face a stellar duo of running backs. Notre Dame's rush defense has been awful all year, and against Bell and Markery, that does not seem likely to change.

Bruins Passing

Purdue's Curtis Painter was the first quarterback to complete over 50 percent of his passes against the Irish this season, but Notre Dame did intercept him twice. The Irish must improve their discipline - penalties in the secondary killed them last week.

Olson's favorite targets this year have been Brandon Brazzell and Joe Cowan, each of whom is averaging more than 13 yards per catch. The Bruins scored on passes of 69 and 39 yards last week against Oregon State.

The Bruins have been sold in the kicking game this year. Field goal kicker Kai Forbath is 10 for 13 on field goals and perfect on extra points. One negative is that kickoff specialist Jimmy Rotstein has yet to registere a touchback.

Olson has experienced and has played well this season. The Bruins don't run the spread which Purdue ran effectively most weeks, but they should get plenty of yards through the air, especially if the Irish are unable to stop the run.

Special Teams

The last two weeks, Notre Dame special teams have been embarrassing. Blocking on returns was abysmal and the Irish botched two extra points and a field goal. Eric Maust has taken over for Geoff Price as Notre Dame's punter.

The Bruins are at home and coming off two wins that saw them score over 40 points. They also have revenge on their side after losing a heartbreaker in South Bend last season. UCLA has never beaten Notre Dame in three previous meetings.

Intangibles

Notre Dame's fourth quarter rally attempt against Purdue is the closest thing the Irish have had to momentum this season. If the Irish continue to play like that, the losing streak will end soon. But seven straight losses still weigh on this team's psyche.

UCLA

The Bruins are in a big leap forward in the second half last week. But it remains to be seen if that will translate to more progress this week. UCLA comes in confident and at home, and with the bitter taste of last year's defeat still fresh in their mouths.

UCLA 2007 Schedule

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Sept. 8 BYU - W
Sept. 15 at Utah - L
Sept. 22 WASH. - W
Sept. 29 at Oreg. St. - W
Oct. 6 NOTRE DAME
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UCLA Bruins

UCLA's defense stifled Notre Dame last year until the very end, but has been inconsistent this year. Against a struggling Irish offense, however, UCLA will limit Notre Dame's production. Bell and Markery will run over the Irish defense just like everyone else has this year. The Bruins will score points using the good field position Notre Dame will inevitably give them. The first win will have to wait another week.

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Associate Sports Editor

Irish experts
Crunching the numbers

**AVERAGE PER GAME**

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- No. 5 Wisconsin at Illinois: Illinois (82-18)
- No. 6 South Florida at Florida Atlantic: USF (83-18)
- Bowling Green at No. 7 Boston College: BC (84-18)
- No. 10 Oklahoma at No. 19 Texas: Okla. (85-18)
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- Utah State at No. 16 Hawaii: Hawaii (89-18)
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ENROLL IN ARMY ROTC
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Big catches make Tate instant fan favorite

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Golden Tate has been on Notre Dame's campus for a month — which is about the same amount of time he's been playing wide receiver. He has three collegiate catches, and, so far, he has not come off the bench to rungo-routes.

But in those three catches, Tate has become a hot name in the dining hall.

"People can see he's got some speed, people can see he's got some explosion, and people can see he's got some ball skills," Irish wide receivers coach Rob Ianello said.

Tate hauled three of the four passes thrown his way in a 33-19 loss to Purdue Saturday, leaping and diving for the ball and blowing by defenders who probably knew by the third or fourth time they guarded him exactly what he was going to do.

In all, Tate amassed 104 yards receiving — and became a fan favorite in the process.

"These catches are one of the few bright spots in an otherwise dim start for Notre Dame. Students are already thinking up nicknames for his patented fly routes, including 'Golden Gos,' "

"I remember watching [Tate's] highlight tape with my wife at my house," said Rob Ianello, Irish receivers coach.

"When you knew if there was a hot route or something you knew he was in the middle of work on, it's a guy?"'

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Assistant Sports Editor

Five months ago, Darrin Bragg wasn't on Notre Dame's football team. Now he's the third-string quarterback.

Over the summer, the senior film, television and theater major was an intern at 20th Century Fox under Executive Vice President of Production Jim Sharp. Bragg said he was on the set when Notre Dame Director of Football Operations Chad Kluender called him in July and asked him if he would return to the Irish.

"I was in the middle of work and they said, 'We need you to come back and play quarterback,'" Bragg said. "And I'm like, 'OK, sure. Why not? What am I going to say, no?'

Former head coach Tyrone Willingham recruited Bragg as a quarterback out of Bellarmine Prep in San Jose, Calif. But when Willingham was fired after the 2004 season, new head coach Charlie Weis moved Bragg to wide receiver.

"I always wanted the ball every time the quarterback dropped back. I always thought, 'I'm open,' even if I was covered," Bragg said. "(Being a quarterback) helped out playing receiver because you knew if there was a hot read or something you knew what to do.

"But I didn't see any time as a wide receiver in his two seasons at that position and decided in May that he would leave the team. Bragg thought he was treated somewhat unfairly as a receiver before he left the team.

"After the semester ended, Bragg went to Los Angeles to begin his internship with Fox, thinking that — even though he was still coming back to Notre Dame — he was done with football.

"When I left school in May I thought I was probably going to be done next year," he said. "But then I got the call, and it was exciting — and I thought, 'Sure, why not?'

Bragg said he was unsure if the call was a come back just for that last game, or if he was going to be done next year, but he said he called them back and I was asked to come back.

"I called them back and I was shocked," he said. "I called [quarterbacks] coach [Ron] Powlus and a couple of other coaches to make sure they weren't pulling my chain," Bragg said. "I was like, 'Really? Are you sure?'

Bragg said he did not know why the coaching staff decided to bring him back or if it was after or before sophomore quarterback Zack Frazer transferred to Connecticut. Either way, he appreciates head coach Charlie Weis for giving him a second chance to play Division I football.

After the call, Bragg began to train to return to quarterback — what he calls his more natural position.

"I started training. I started running and throwing and stuff like that because I hadn't thrown a ball in like two or three years," he said. Bragg has his mark on the scout team and has moved up to third on the depth chart after Demetrius Jones left the University earlier this season.

"Darrin's doing a fine job for us," Weis said. "It's good to see him running around, participating. It helps us out on the scout team, it helps us out wherever we need him, whenever he needs us.

"Even though Bragg is happy to have returned to quarterback, he is even more excited to play at UCLA, where he knows some players. His brother Craig played wide receiver for the Bruins from 2001-04.

"(Craig) said they're going to send us and if he was playing they'd have 400 yards receiving," Bragg said. "But I'm going to be fun playing them.

Bragg also said that his emotions haven't changed much since he returned to the team, that he will probably change by the Duke game Nov. 17 — his final home game as a Notre Dame student.

"I think it will be much more important for the last home game, suitting up instead of being on the stands watching it, so I'm really glad I came back for that last game," Bragg said.

"I could never imagine going from playing quarterback to a new coach ... and moving to receiver and then moving to quarterback," he said. "In four years, that's not how you really plan your career. It's been a great ride so far."

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