Former Irish president speaks at ND

Immigration presents challenges and opportunities to national identity, Robinson says

By KAITLYNN RIELY Assistant News Editor

University President Father John Jenkins welcomed Robinson and noted Notre Dame's "deep affinity with Ireland and all things Irish." Immigration, the issue debated in an American contest at last week's Notre Dame Forum, is a topic Ireland is also discussing, Jenkins said. "Ireland, which has so long been a land of emigrants, is now becoming a land of immigrants," he said.

For a country "steeped in the inevitability of emigration," the new demographics of the modern Ireland are "both a huge challenge and a great opportunity," Robinson said. According to population and migration estimates, between April 2005 and April 2006, [86,900 people immigrated into Ireland.]. Robinson said. The number of emigrants in the same time period was 17,000, resulting in a net migration influx of 69,900.

The immigrants are making Ireland a younger country, Robinson said, and they are bringing different heritages into Ireland, from countries like Poland and Lithuania.

Robinson now lives in New York but said she has witnessed the impact of the influx of peoples into Ireland. When visiting County Mayo, the part of Ireland she is from, "the young people are a huge challenge and a great opportunity," she said.

University promotes Ph.D. programs

ND officials take steps to help encourage more students to pursue advanced degrees

By BRIAN MCKENZIE News Writer

Prompted by the fact that only five to six percent of Notre Dame undergraduates pursue doctorates after graduation, the University is taking steps to encourage more students to take advantage of research opportunities.

The ratio, measured by the Office of Institutional Research, is lower than those at Notre Dame's peer institutions.

At his Sept. 11 faculty address, University President Father John Jenkins noted that between 10 and 15 percent of students at Notre Dame's peer institutions continue to Ph.D. studies. "One very important avenue to intellectual leadership is to earn a Ph.D. — the terminal degree in most fields," he said. Studies have shown that, compared to students at peer institutions, Notre Dame students are less likely to say in polls taken they wanted to pursue Ph.D.s, Jenkins said.

By NICHOLAS BOCK Assistant News Editor

Losing record drives down sales, enthusiasm

Single Boston College game seats go for as low as $20

By MARCELA BERRIOS Associate News Editor

Four minutes before kickoff Saturday, a scalper outside Notre Dame Stadium said he had a ticket for the Boston College game for $20.

"I never thought I'd see the day when a ticket to see the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame Stadium wouldn't sell for more than $20," said the scalper, who asked to remain anonymous. "Especially for a game like Boston College. It's such a big rivalry. I just can't believe it."

Scalpers interviewed for this story spoke on the condition of anonymity, because the Notre Dame ticket office prohibits the resale of football tickets, above face value. An individual ticket for Saturday's game had a face value of $62, but in the hours leading up to the game, the scalper made $80, he said.

Seniors' marshmallow fights thwarted by NDSP, ushers

By TAE ANDREWS News Writer

In recent years, Notre Dame seniors turned the student section into a flurry of flying confections during halftime marshmallow fights. Now, the debate over the seemingly innocuous bite-sized treats rags on off the field and out of the stadium.

Since 2002, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) and stadium security have cracked down on marshmallow fights because some of the marshmallows, when embedded in skin or locks, have made their way onto the field or caused injury.

"It's not so much marshmallow throwing, but throwing in general [that concerns us]," Coordinator of Stadium Personnel Cappy Gagnon
INSIDE COLUMN

Time to get out of here

Yeah, I said it. It's time for me to graduate. I've decided not to go back to school. I remember back in high school, being a senior, wanting to graduate and go to college. By the spring of that year, I had been accepted to Notre Dame and other schools and had secured my future. I remember back in high school, being a senior, wanting to graduate and go to college. By the spring of that year, I had been accepted to Notre Dame and other schools and had secured my future. My workload was easy, and I coasted through the end of high school. Now, I'm fighting an uphill battle rather than dashing through. The work hasn't gotten easier, just more enjoyable. Rather than plowing through arcane mathematical equations or designing and building things, I'm creating, rather than calculating. The math is there, but now I see the end result. Working through a differential equation takes on a whole new meaning when you realize why you're doing it in the first place.

When I get into the "real world," my degree will be put to good use if I can find a job, naturally. I'm ready to get out there, ready to leave behind and be ready for the new day. I used to think that I would wake up at 3 a.m. to chat with sitting in the student section for football games, pep rallies, all-nighters in Fitzgerald, and midnight coffee breaks in LaFortune. Because the real world is perfect. Eat pizza late at night, cooed engineering classes haven't gotten easier, but my perspective has drastically changed. The work hasn't gotten easier, just more enjoyable. Rather than plowing through arcane mathematical equations or designing and building things, I'm creating, rather than calculating. The math is there, but now I see the end result. Working through a differential equation takes on a whole new meaning when you realize why you're doing it in the first place.

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Keck Center battles inflammation

Researchers look at side effects of disease as serious killers

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Chronic inflammation has been linked to cancer in the colon, asthma in the airways and atherosclerosis in the arteries, setting the stage for heart attacks and strokes. And a major killer called sepsis, the body's way of balancing stasis, the body's way of balancing inflammation run amok.

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Located in Raclin-Carmichael Hall, the new academic building just outside the University's main gate on Notre Dame Avenue, the Keck Center is a world-class center better equipped to study inflammation than the center joined in 2004, awarded $9 million in grants for Transgene Research. Keck Center scientists were among the first to demonstrate a diverse range of state-of-the-art working downstairs on the colony of 35 scientists, technicians and graduate students, the center's new lab, besides having about 27 percent larger overall, employ an impressive array of state-of-the-art equipment, a laser knife to see the precise it can cut out individual colon cancer cells for genetic analysis.

None of it would be possible, however, without the mice that live in the basement. A colony of 6,000 specially engineered, transgenic mice is the engine that drives the flow of discoveries from the Keck Center. Experts at the center have created more than 50 different strains of mice, with each strain having its own strategically chosen gene alterations.

Because genes are templates for production of proteins, adding or subtracting them from the genome produces mice that have excesses or deficiencies of the blood proteins that Keck scientists want to study, Castellino explained.

Studying proteins in live animals is a huge advance over the technology available to Castellino when he began studying blood proteins in the early 1970s. Back then, researchers had to tediously extract the selected protein from blood, he says. Experiments involved mixing two different proteins in test tubes to see the reaction.

"But when you alter a gene in an intact animal, you're looking at everything (in a living system), starting with, 'Does it live for long?"' Castellino explained.

The care, feeding and breeding of these special mice, which reside in about 1,500 cages, is itself a big operation requiring special technical expertise and upwards of $150,000 a year to cover costs.

"We have five or six people working downstairs on the colony alone," Castellino said.

The breeding pairs in the colony are giving birth to about 1,000 pups each month, DeFord said.

OIT security team receives award

Notre Dame's information security awareness team has received an Award of Excellence from the Special Interest Group on University and College Computing Services (SIGUCCS), comprised of a cross-campus advisory group of staff and faculty from the Offices of Information Technologies and Public Affairs and Communication, the team was honored in the general service campaign materials category.

SIGUCCS is an association of professionals that supports and manages the diverse aspects of information technology services in higher education institutions. In honoring Notre Dame, the group praised the University's well-rounded and staff team-oriented approach, stating: "Each strategy was executed professionally and used innovative concepts to garner interest. The training module was phenomenal: nicely scripted, exceptional content, and very effectively produced."

"That SIGUCCS would honor us with this award is a compliment to the tremendous talent brought to an important University initiative by members of each group, and is symbolic of a broader spirit of community that makes Notre Dame such a special place," said Notre Dame Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon.

Notre Dame's security awareness program is a campus-wide effort to assist University faculty and staff to manage sensitive information through communications and training. The University launched the first phase of the program this past spring through a series of e-mail announcements, campus postcard mailings and a new Web site.

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Arabbe Productions, Dublin, Ireland Presents
The Kings of Kilburn High Road
By Jimmy Murphy

Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17
8:00 p.m. Decio Theater

To celebrate the conference, 'Race and Immigration in the New Ireland,' the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies will host two performances of Jimmy Murphy's The Kings of the Kilburn High Road in the Decio Theater of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th at 8:00. In this highly acclaimed play, a group of friends take a hilarious and tragic look back on their lives as they gather in a pub twenty-five years after they left their homes in Ireland to make their fortunes in England. The play is the work of Arabbe Productions, a professional Irish theater company led by director and performance artist, Bisi Adigun, who currently has a version of The Playboy of the Western World running in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin.

For more information call the Box Office at 631-2800.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
French mercenary dies at age 78
PARIS — Bob Denard, a mercenary who staged coups, battled communism and fought for French interests and his own across Africa for more than three decades, has died, his sister said Sunday. He was 78.

Denard lived in the Paris area, said his sister, Georgette Gamar. She declined to say how he died, but he had suffered from Alzheimer's disease and cardiovascular problems.

An anti-communist who had worked for several dictators and monarchs, Denard was among a group of postcolonial French mercenaries known as "les affreux" — the horrible ones.

He claimed he had the backing of Paris, but was never given a clear support.

Car bomb kills 18 in Muslim holiday

BAGHDAD — An Israeli struck car bomb killed 18 people Sunday in the Shiite-dominated neighborhood of Al-Jadida, said local governmental workers who said 27 were wounded, police said.

The three University of Texas students had not emerged for more than a day from a cave they were exploring. The two women and one man were found safe; it doesn't get any better than that, said Austin Fire Department spokesman Frank Urias, who didn't immediately emerge.

The victims are uninjured, our crews are going to talk to them, said Urias.

The Airman's Cave had been a narrow passage near Austin, a宽度 of a sewer pipe, said Frank Urias, who didn't immediately emerge.

"I was not able to make it through the passage. We had to use a ladder," said Urias.

The three University of Texas students had to make their way around the passage, using a ladder and a sewer pipe.

THE NOTE didn't explain why the black flag was staying in the north.

"The investigation is ongoing, " Urias said.

"That split gives me the backing of the Iraqi government," he said.

"I've given them a few tips on how to fill the security gap if the company is phased out.

The talks about Blackwater's future in Iraq flow from recommendations in an Iraq government report on the incident Sept. 16, when Iraqi officials determined Blackwater guards opened fire without coordination in Baghdad's Nassir Square and killed 17 Iraqi civilians.

The Iraqi investigators issued five recommendations to the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, which has since sent them to the U.S. Embassy as demands for action.

The Iraq government's demands will be satisfied on Friday.

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Federal government to review boot camp death

Authorities announce they will investigate acquittal of seven guards, nurse in manslaughter case

Bush argues against protectionist policies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alarmed by slipping support for free trade even among Republicans, President Bush is arguing that protectionism will cut Americans out of a chance for more — and better — jobs.

Bush has launched a blitz on behalf of pending free trade pacts with four nations. He continued the push Saturday in his weekly radio address.

"More exports support better and higher-paying jobs," the president said. "And to keep our economy expanding, we need to keep expanding trade."

His radio address followed a speech on trade he delivered Friday in Miami. Bush also granted interviews this week to business-oriented news organizations.

Since Democrats took control of Congress in January, it has not approved any free trade agreements that the administration has negotiated, and it has allowed Bush's authority to negotiate future deals under expedited procedures to expire.

Before lawmakers now are agreements with Peru and Panama, considered likely to pass, and with Colombia and South Korea, both seen as precarious.

The deal with Colombia is in trouble over human rights, and there is strong opposition to the South Korea agreement because of barriers erected by Seoul to keep U.S. autos and other goods out.

The administration already has reached agreement with Democrats to include tougher language on protecting workers' rights and the environment. But critics say five consecutive years of record U.S. trade deficits have played a major role in the loss of more than 3 million manufacturing jobs since Bush took office in 2001.

"I know many Americans feel uneasy about new competition and worry that trade will cost jobs," Bush said. "So the federal government is providing substantial funding for trade adjustment assistance that helps Americans make the transition from one job to the next. We are working to improve federal job-training programs. And we are providing strong support for America's community colleges, where people of any age can go to learn new skills for a better, high-paying career."

He said the deals would level the playing field for American businesses and farmers, many of which now face high tariffs on exported products while other countries enjoy relatively open access to U.S. markets. And he argued that freer trade with allies serves "America's security and moral interests" around the globe.

"Expanding trade will help our economy grow," Bush said. "So I call on Congress to act quickly and get these agreements to my desk."

After spending Friday in Florida talking trade and raising money for the Republican Party, Bush flew to Texas for a weekend stay at his ranch. He travels Monday to Rogers, Ark., for a speech on the budget and to Memphis to raise money for his friend Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., in his re-election bid. The president returns to Washington Monday evening.
Breast cancer survivor Iris Tolley does this pink ribbon pin. Such pink products have come under scrutiny, as makers and charities have benefitted greatly from sales.

Google thrives without pricey ads

San Francisco — Like a gourmet chef who rarely eats out, Google Inc. seems unconcerned to hoard billions of dollars from a variety of businesses while skimming on its own marketing.

"The company has been extremely fruitful. While the Internet search leader has sold more than $30 billion in advertising since 2001, Google has become a household name without spending a dime on television or radio or in print. We don’t need any more awareness," she said. "We have built our own awareness."

The pink sales campaigns are probably the biggest and best-known efforts in the world of "cause marketing," where companies team up with charities with the aim of bringing in more money for both.

Apple Inc. sells red iPods as part of the big (PRD- UCT) RED effort of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Build-a-Bear Workshop Inc. sells a stuffed giraffe whose proceeds support the World Wildlife Fund. Then, there’s Newman’s Own, the food company that gives its profits to various charities.

The first blockbuster cause marketing campaign came in 1983, when American Express Co. announced it would contribute money to restoring Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty based on how much its customers charged.

Applications for the card spiked, card use peaked, and $1.7 million was raised. And corporate America had a new sales pitch. "It focused a lot of attention that you could motivate consumers by appealing to the best in them," said David Hessek, president of Cause Marketing Forum, a New York company that puts on workshops about cause marketing.

In 1982, the Dallas-based foundation now known as Susan G. Komen for the Cure began trying to get attention for breast cancer, a deadly and common disease that wasn’t much talked about.

In Brief

FDA to launch drug research center

Washington — The Food and Drug Administration is moving with unprecedented speed to launch a drug research center to be paid for by companies it regulates.

The goal of the Reagan-Udall Foundation, approved by Congress and signed into law late last month, is to streamline and improve the development of drugs and medical devices, a goal long sought by regulators and the biggest players in the industry, such as Merck & Co., Pfizer Inc., Wyeth, GlaxoSmithKline Plc. and Johnson & Johnson.

At a time when the FDA’s reputation has been battered by perceptions that it is lax on some safety issues and too cozy with drug makers, the FDA-funded center’s clearly defined partnership increases the agency’s vulnerability to industry clout despite its promise of groundbreaking success. It’s an ambitious undertaking that puts regulators and companies in a relationship unlike that of any other industry.

Senators push to create disaster fund

Washington — Senators from the Plains states are trying to persuade colleagues to create a permanent disaster fund for farmers despite objections from some farm state senators, environmentalists and the White House.

While politically popular in Plains states, the issue is troubling to some environmental and farm groups that would like the money for other needs.

"The real issue here is what is the government’s responsibility?" said Ken Gack, head of the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy group that has opposed the aid. "You are squeezing out the opportunity to invest in other things." Cook says the money would go to drought-prone states, such as the Dakotas and Montana, that already got millions in farm subsidies. The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, wrote the disaster legislation. It was approved by his committee Oct. 4 to be part of the farm bill.
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Military government exploits wildlife and forests for a quick profit

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Military government exploits wildlife and forests for a quick profit

The junta in 2001 created the world's largest tiger reserve in Hukaung Valley with help and a night scene beyond, guarding tower in the distance.

They may have laws on the books but they mean extremely little."  
Sean Turnell, Macquarie University professor

"This region is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots," said Nai Wa of the Kachin Development Network Group, a coalition of environmental groups watching over the dam in built on the Irrawaddy, the fish populations will decrease. A lot of people will be suffering because their livelihoods will disappear."

Along Myanmar's border with China, illegally felled timber is transported to China, according to the Britain-based group Global Witness. From there, it becomes flooring and furniture for European and American homes. Global Witness said most of the logging takes place in areas described as "very possibly the most biodiverse, rich, temperate area on earth," home to red pandas, leopards and tigers. About 95 percent of Myanmar's total timber is illegal. Global Witness said, costing its treasury $250 million a year. Much of the profits go to Chinese firms as well as regional military commanders and ethnic insurgent groups, it said.

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Great Britain's decision last week to cut its troops in Iraq in half by spring raises questions about the composition of forces on the ground in the Middle East.

Britain's decision to withdraw 5,000 to 7,500 troops by the coming months, with the possibility of future reductions throughout 2008, has led many to wonder if the United Kingdom will continue their participation in the war in Iraq.

The move emphasizes again the reality of outsourcing and contracting in the Iraq war: Private security guards now make up the second largest "force" in Iraq, and the British reductions only further cement the centrality of security firms.

The Pentagon estimates there are 60 private security firms with as many as 50,000 employees in Iraq (this is in addition to 100,000 civilian contractors working to rebuild the nation).

Last Thursday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates defended the decision of British officials to remove half of the 5,000 British troops in Iraq by spring. Gates, speaking in London, said that Britain remained "America's closest ally" and portrayed the British withdrawal as a "joint agreement" with full consent and support of the U.S. He said the troop reductions and plans for the future size and role of British troops were "closely worked out" with Gen. David Petraeus, the senior American commander in Iraq.

Announcing the halving of troops to the House of Commons last week, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown left open the possibility that all British soldiers might leave Iraq by the end of 2008.

This possibility of continuing reductions or the complete withdrawal of British forces, was not addressed by Gates in London.

As British troops are sent home from Iraq and their number drops to 2,500, it is possible that the next year could see a single security firm with more troops on the ground than any nation besides the United States.

The largest dominant firm in Iraq is Blackwater, a company that, according to the Pentagon, has ben approved by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has seen incredible growth since the start of the war.

The report stated: "Blackwater's government contracts have grown exponentially during the Bush Administration, particularly since the start of the war in Iraq. Blackwater went from having government contracts worth less than one million dollars in 2001 to contracts worth more than half a billion dollars in 2006."

In June 2004, Blackwater was authorized to have about 500 staff in Iraq. That number doubled in their 2006 contract with the State Department. The Dept. also simultaneously authorized two other companies, Triple Canopy and DynCorp, contracts to provide security in Iraq. Blackwater, now the focus of investigations in both Baghdad and Washington, is one of the companies accused of civilian deaths in a Sept. 16 incident, lead in place is personnel on the ground. According to Dr. Joe Prince, they maintain 1,000 operators in Iraq, primarily engaged in guarding U.S. diplomats. Triple Canopy has about 250 security guards in Iraq; DynCorp has just over 150.

It seems commercial mercenaries have become, at least numerically, our largest ally in the war in Iraq.

What does this say about the readiness of our non-biased allies — men of whom have already withdrawn troops, or, like the UK, begun major reductions to plans — so contrary to the sight in Iraq? And when will the US continue to sustain a war that is straining forces in Iraq and separating soldiers from their families for overly extended periods?

Moreover, what do these numbers say about the character of war in Iraq? The United States has been against the use of mercenaries since the Revolutionary War, when the British used 30,000 German Hessians to try to stop American forces.

By spring, there will be 5,000 British troops in Iraq, and about 1,500 privately-hired mercenary forces from Blackwater, Triple Canopy and DynCorp alone.

The Pentagon's increasing reliance on outsourcing military functions in Iraq raises important questions about accountability and the chain of command. These private guards are without any of the U.S. nationality, yet in 2004, an order signed by American officials exempting US persons — including "private security" — from Iraqi law.

The Sept. 16 incident that left 17 Iraqi civilians dead has outraged the public and the government in Baghdad. The Iraqi government has demanded that the company be banned from operating in their country.

Iraqi officials have stressed that in addition to the Sept. 16 shooting, Blackwater employees have been involved in six other episodes under investigation — all contributing to the civilian death count in Iraq.

The Iraqi government is also promoting a measure that would overturn the American order exempting Western private security companies. This measure was sponsored by parliamentarians and their personnel accountable when Iraqi law is breached and civilians are injured or killed by unecessary shooting and violence.

The events following the Sept. 16 shooting indicate that the presence of private security firms like Blackwater is not making Iraq safer, but is serving instead to counteract progress made by the US military and our diplomatic relations with the Iraqi government and its people.

It is unclear how the current questions over the Sept. 16 incident and the greater debate over the authority, regulation and accountability of private security forces in Iraq will be resolved. The government continues to pull out of Iraq and security on the ground does not improve, evidenced by increases in private security contracts, these issues must become a priority in the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arrogance about Boston College out of line

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**Fall Weather Arrives at Notre Dame**

Kaitlin Spillane

On Thursday morning, the students of Notre Dame woke up to something quite unfamiliar: A temperature of below 60 degree weather. Ironically, it is the middle of October, where such temperatures are usually expected. This year, however, Notre Dame’s weather (or at least the weather in South Bend) has been quite different from what kind of person you are—record-high 80 and 90 degree weather well into autumn.

Flip-flops, skirts, shorts, and tank tops have been worn well beyond the time they were expected to be retired into the recesses of our closets. On North and South quads, resourceful female students were able to accomplish both homework and tanning at the same time even into the late days of September. As I walk around campus, and those who live in the wonderful dorms without air conditioning were gripping and comparing their rooms to ours right up until last week. But now, it appears the reality of South Bend weather has caught up to us.

To be sure, the newfound coldness has its benefits. Residents of older dorms no longer have to blow fuses in their rooms because so many fans are blasting. A leisurely walk across campus no longer results in a sweat equivalent to that gained by running five laps around a track. And truly, Notre Dame is at its most beautiful on a crisp fall day.

The disadvantage of this suddenly cool weather is just that—it is SUDEN. Waking up to a cold rainy day after weeks of sunshine and heat is dismopfitting. Moreover, though the temperature these past few days has not been THAT cold, in comparison to 90 degrees, 45 feels like freezing.

The change in garb of the student body reflects the suddenness of the change in weather. Uggs, North Faces, pea coats, and scarves have made an appearance on campus (though a few toughened souls still continue to wear merely a T-shirt). Most students on their way to a morning class look more like they are on their way to an Arctic trek than to an establishment in the Hesburgh Library. A fellow student, after observing a girl with boots up to her knees and an oversized jacket, said: “It’s only October. What are you going from there?” Is it true that our extra-long summer weather has now made us too cold too easily?

Perhaps it is the promise of what comes AFTER the fall that makes us want to bundle up with five layers and tug on those winter boots. Come December, we here at Notre Dame will be treated to harsh winds, freezing rains, and, very likely, snow. So for now, hard as it may be, let us appreciate the cool winds and the 40 degree mornings. Let us not take for granted the beauty of the Notre Dame campus before all the leaves fall off the trees and our psychopathic squirrel friends go into hibernation.

Let us embrace the fall—because, finally, it has arrived.

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**Exile on Mainstream**

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**Matchbox Mediocrity: Band returns with run-of-the-mill effort**

**Exile on Mainstream**

**Matchbox Twenty**

**Released by:** Atlantic

**Recommended Tracks:** “How Far We’ve Come,” “Can’t Let You Go”

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**JARED WAFER / Observer Graphic**
By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's offense and special teams failed to move the ball against Boston College, cost the Irish the field position battle and, ultimately, the game.

Weir Irish defense held its own against one of the top teams in the country, but fifth-year quarterback Matt Ryan led the Eagles to four touchdowns — including three that began on the Irish 11-yard line, 41-yard line and 29-yard line — en route to a 27-14 victory.

Ryan finished 32-of-49 passing with two touchdowns and an interception, easily outdueling the Irish quarterbacking duo of Jimmy Clausen and Evan Sharpley.

Clausen and Sharpley combined to complete only 18-of-49 passes (36.7 percent), and the duo of Jimmy Clausen and Evan Sharpley combined to complete only 18-of-49 passes (36.7 percent), and the Irish offense was held to 274 yards, 121 yards below the Irish season average.

The Irish defense allowed only one touchdown on an Eagles drive that began in Boston College territory, and that came on the first drive of the game. On the other possessions, the Irish defense forced three turnovers — two interceptions and a fourth-down punt return — and blocked a field goal.

The Eagles also threw one interception on a drive that started in their own territory. Ryan threw it pass that Irish linebacker Brian Smith and defensive back Patrick Kenyon picked off, taking it 25 yards for a touchdown — cutting Boston College's lead to 20-14.

"Brian Smith is going to be a very, very good football player," Weis said. "He's on the rise, and that arrow is pointing straight up for him."

After the touchdown, the Irish were flagged for an excessive celebration penalty that forced the Irish to kick off from their own 15-yard line.

"I don't think the referees were too upset when the team that was on the field was penalties," Weis said. "Not that we're blaming the officials for calling it. We need to do a better job of controlling ourselves, and you know, that one falls on me.

"The penalty further hurt the Irish field position because the kickoff followed the Eagles 38 — which was Weis' intention. But Eagles fullback Brad Newman took the kick to the Irish 44.

"We sky-kicked it thinking we were going to kick it to their up back, which is who we kicked it to, and then we're able to get the ball on about the 40-yard line."

"But now the kid catches the ball, makes a couple guys miss, gets an extra, whatever 15, 20 yards, whatever he got. If he catches the ball we're now down on the minus-40, we would have considered it a successful play."

Boston College took the short field and turned it into six points on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Ryan to wide receiver Kevin Challenger to go up by two scores.

"It was huge to come back and score especially after you throw an interception and it goes for six. You want to come back out and keep fighting and we went down and did it," Ryan said. "That even stepped up and Kevin Challenger on that touchdown pass had phenomenal timing on his route and then made a guy miss and just did a great job."

Special teams play also hurt the Irish in the field position battle when punter Geoff Price bobbled the punt and Irish defensive end Trevor Laws was in position to make a recovery, giving the Irish the ball on the Eagles 42-yard line.

That's uncharacteristic of J.J. because I'd say he's easily built's eye when it comes to snapping," Weis said.

The Irish did have some highlights in the loss, mostly coming in the second quarter.

Even though the Irish never had the field position advantage, the Eagles had, Sharpley led Notre Dame on a seven-play, 79-yard touchdown drive that took only 59 seconds.

Sharpley was 4-of-7 on the drive for 64 yards. The Eagles defense helped the drive along with a roughing the passer penalty that turned a 3rd and 10 into a 1st down. Sharpley connected with Parris twice, including a 28-yard gain on third down and a 19-yard touchdown pass. Parris — who got more playing time as a result of the injury to David Grimes — was targeted more frequently with Sharpley in the game, but Parris warned against reading too much into that.

"When [Sharpley] was in, I was open," Parris said. "A quarterback change doesn't affect how everyone else plays. It's not really a good or bad thing."
report card

quarterbacks: Clausen and Sharpley combined for 16-of-49 passing for only 195 yards, one touchdown — by Sharpley — and two interceptions — both by Clausen.

running backs: Aldridge started strong but sat out most of the game injured. Allen, Hughes and Thomas did well in relief of Jay Kimbrough. Schweapp had the best game of his career.

receivers: The receivers dropped five passes Saturday and often failed to find space. Parry had a good day with 94 yards, but Kumara and West did not do enough to make up for Grimes’ injury.

offensive line: The line continued to show signs of improvement, giving both quarterbacks time in the pocket, but suffered from needless flags and another bad snap out of the shotgun.

defensive line: Kuntz and Laws had great games again. Laws blocked a field goal, and Kuntz deflected his seventh pass of the season while getting at least some pressure on Ryan.

linebackers: Crum basically sat out, but Brevigilking, Smith and Neal slowed their games in support — including Smith’s first touchdown. Vernuflga and Ryan continue to struggle.

defensive backs: The secondary had its worst game so far, but against the best opposing quarterback it has faced, Ryan’s completion percentage is misleading because of the screens the Eagles ran.

special teams: Zbikowski and Allen had some good returns, but another missed field goal, poor kickoffs and Janess stall stall snap cost the Irish crucial field position.

coaching: Notre Dame did not come out ready for this game, but adjustments kept it close. Weis pulled Clausen for Sharpley in the second half, while Brown rifled the Irish.

overall: Notre Dame had its chances throughout the game, but mistakes from the players and the coaches kept the Irish just out of reach.

2.07 adding up the numbers

Yards Boston College lost on 15 penalties. The Irish had 7 infractions for 64 yards.

2 Sacks Notre Dame allowed Saturday. The Irish have allowed an NCAA-worst 34 sacks for 243 yards this season.

Field goals Notre Dame has made on seven attempts. Freshman Brandon Walker is 4-for-6 and Sophomore Nate Whitaker is 0-for-1.

21:16 Time of possession for Boston College in the second half. The Irish held the ball for 24:4.

Notre Dame’s ranking in pass defense so far this season, out of 118 Football Bowl Subdivision teams.

225 Rushing yards Notre Dame has gained this season on 225 carries, including sacks.

1 Plays Notre Dame ran from the shotgun. Irish center John Sullivan snapped the ball over quarterback Jimmy Clausen’s head.

Boston College did almost everything it could to lose Saturday’s game. Notre Dame did a little more.

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Most of the key mistakes the Irish made against Boston College had nothing to do with the struggles Notre Dame has had this season. These were easily avoidable mistakes.

If there’s a bigger snap on the punt, maybe Boston College doesn’t score its second touchdown.

Clausen looks off the defenders before his interception, maybe there is no pick.

If Notre Dame controlled its emotions following Smith’s touchdown, maybe the defense can hold Boston College on a longer field.

Given the way Boston College played Saturday, Notre Dame — even in a year when it started 1-5 — should have won this game. Boston College did not play like the No. 3 team in the country Saturday but Notre Dame played like a 1-6 team. The Eagles tried to give the game away.

The Irish just didn’t want it.
Weis unsure of next week’s starting OB

By CHRIS Doyen
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Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday he didn’t determine a starting quarterback for Notre Dame’s game this week until next Saturday.

Junior Evan Sharpley has gotten the off-field better than freshman Jimmy Clausen in limited appearances so far, and all-around solid play against Georgia Tech. But, Weis said, "It’s a bit of a coin flip right now...it’s one of the reasons why I didn’t make any definitive statement at this point".

"I’ll let you know on Tuesday," Weis said Sunday. "That’s the latest I can say, and I can’t do that now."

"At this point, I’ve watched the game a couple times, but I haven’t watched it with the offensive staff yet. So I don’t do those things before we’ve gotten together. I’ll certainly let you know where I am on Tuesday."
In a highly anticipated matchup with undefeated rival Boston College, Notre Dame fell behind early. Trailing 13-0 at halftime, the Irish had their chances and did not make use of them. Even worse, Notre Dame's offense and special teams failed to win the field position battle, pinning the defense in its own territory again. Despite this, a touchdown pass from quarterback Evan Sharplesy to wide receiver Robbie Parris followed shortly by an interception from linebacker Bryan Smith returned for a touchdown cut the Eagles lead to six points. Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan responded to put the lead back to two scores, but Notre Dame did not give up. Sharplesy drove the Irish down the field again, this time to a fourth-and-one on the Eagles 13. The Irish seemingly converted with a touchdown pass to Parris, but a holding penalty on guard Michael Turkovich and subsequent failed fourth-and-eleven put the game beyond Notre Dame's reach.
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Chargers improve to .500 with win over Raiders

LaDainian Tomlinson ties a career-high with four touchdowns; Eagles improve to 8-0 all-time over the Jets with 16-9 win

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson will never hate the Oakland Raiders like Marty Schottenheimer did. He's too laid-back for something like that.

At the rate he's going, though, Tomlinson might never lose again to the Silver and Black.

Tomlinson matched his career high with four touchdowns, rushing for 198 yards on 24 carries and leading the Chargers to their third straight win over the Raiders, 28-14, on Sunday.

Tomlinson scored on runs of 3, 27, 13 and 41 yards to move into a tie with Jim Brown for fourth on the all-time rushing touchdown list with 106. In the process, Tomlinson passed John Higgins, who had 104.

The reigniting league MVP scored for the final time with 2:43 left, thrilling the Raider-baiting crowd, and silencing the thousands of Oakland fans in the stadium. It was a simple off-tackle play that Tomlinson broke to the outside. After running into the end zone, he dropped the ball and raised both arms in celebration.

It was the third time L.T. rushed for four touchdowns in a game, and the fifth time overall that he's scored four times.

Surprisingly, it was the first time he scored four times at home.

"It was great, we were there," Tomlinson said. "It was good to hear them cheering us." 

The defending AFC West champion Chargers (8-3) rebounded to .500 after their early season, three-game losing streak left everyone frustrated, especially Tomlinson. The Chargers pulled into a tie atop the division with Kansas City.

Two weeks earlier, fans mercilessly booted the Chargers and chanted Schottenheimer's first name during a 30-16 loss to the Chiefs.

To think, the Chargers can beat the Raiders without Schottenheimer as their coach. Schottenheimer, fired Feb. 2, February, desigated the Raiders and was 27-7 against them in his career, including the first seven wins in the Chargers' streak.

Norv Turner, who replaced Schottenheimer, was fired by the Raiders after coaching them to a 9-23 record in 2004-05.

Turner said there was personal satisfaction in beating his old employer, but that it was more important that the Chargers pulled to .500.

"We are getting better," Turner said.

It was Tomlinson's eighth career over 100-yard game against the Raiders. During the winning streak, Tomlinson has rushed for 1,142 yards and 12 touchdowns, while also catching one TD-pass and throwing two.

Tomlinson can't explain his success against the Raiders.

"It's weird," he said.

"If I would have known that, I would have done something about it a couple of years ago," cracked Turner, who was 0-4 against Tomlinson and the Chargers when he coached the Raiders.

"I don't know, but I like it," quarterback Philip Rivers said about Tomlinson's dominance of the Raiders.

"He's outstanding. He's really starting to get going. Our offense is really starting to get going. When we can throw it in that 18-25 window and run the ball and be efficient, we can be pretty tough." 

The Raiders (2-3) looked more like the team that went an NFL-worst 2-14 last year than the one that was coming off consecutive wins.

Quarterback Daunte Culpepper, making his second start, was harassed all day, which helped make the offense look horrible most of the afternoon. Culpepper was intercepted twice, lost a fumble and was sacked six times.

We played the way bad teams play," Turner said. "It's easy to see how the game got out of hand. We were lucky it wasn't worse.

San Diego's Shawne Merriman had 27 sacks and forced a fumble.

Leading 21-14, the Chargers needed only six plays to move 85 yards for the final score. Of course, almost half of that came on Tomlinson's final run.

"We said to each other, 'Let's finish the game right here,'" Tomlinson said. "The offensive line was jackin'. That last offensive drive was beautiful. I don't think you can script it better.

"San Diego took a 14-0 lead with 6:51 still to play in the first quarter. Tomlinson capped the opening drive with a 3-yard leap over the pile, then scored on a 27-yard misdirection play after cornerbacks Drayton Florence intercepted Culpepper.

"The Raiders closed to 14-7 when linebacker Thomas Howard intercepted a horribly thrown pass by Rivers and returned it 66 yards, highstepping the last 25 yards into the end zone.

The pickoff came just three plays after Shane Lechler got mixed up and ran a fake punt even though the Raiders had audibled away from it. He was stuffed for a four-yard loss."

"Ten of 11 times we got it, Shane didn't," Kiffin said.

Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson stiff-arms Raiders safety Stuart Schweiger in a 28-14 Chargers victory Sunday. Tomlinson had 289 rushing yards and four touchdowns.

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb smiles as he walks off the field after a 16-9 win over the Jets Sunday.

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**NFL**

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Now the Dallas Cowboys know they're good enough to hang with the big boys in the NFC - just not yet ready to beat them.

Especially not when Tom Brady plays like this.

Brady threw a career-high five touchdown passes, with Donte Stallworth taking the final one 69 yards to break open a tight game early in the fourth quarter, as the New England Patriots won 48-27 on Sunday in a rare battle of teams with 5-0 records.

"We wanted to be one of the elite teams," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said.

"Obviously we're not."

The Patriots (6-0) started strong and finished stronger, their sixth straight blowout win and their highest point total since scoring 50 against Indianapolis in 1984. Yet it wasn't as easy as the final score indicated.

New England gave up its first touchdown in 19 games and trailed in the second quarter for the first time this year. Brady was sacked as many times (3) as he'd been all season.

Experience in big games had to be part of the difference. Consider what the Patriots did on their final five drives after the Cowboys went ahead 24-21 early in the third quarter.

Brady's 5 TDs help Pats beat Cowboys

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, left, and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo walk off the field after the Patriots beat the Cowboys 48-27 Sunday. Brady threw for 388 yards and five touchdowns in the win.

**IN BRIEF**

**Reds hire Baker to replace Mackanin as manager**

CINCINNATI - By hiring Dusty Baker as their next manager, the Cincinnati Reds have made a pronounced change in philosophy, turning to an outsider to run a team that has made the playoffs two of the past three years.

This move got the players' attention.

"It is extremely excited to join the Cincinnati Reds," Baker said the smiling coach who had been an assistant for 18 years.

"We're starting over. We're building a team, starting from scratch." The Reds are 3-4 in their last seven games.

**Gonzalez sets TD mark, Chiefs beat Bengals**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Tony Gonzalez caught his record-breaking 63rd touchdown pass much the way he caught the first 62 - stretching out his 6-foot-5 frame as high and as far as he could and pulling the ball down in traffic with soft, powerful hands.

His 3-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter Sunday gave Gonzalez the NFL record for tight ends. Then the eight-time Pro Bowler caught a 43-yarder for a touchdown, field goal, touchdown, field goal. The last one came with 19 seconds left in a 1-yard run by first-year running back Kyle Eckel that Brady celebrated with two huge fist pumps.

Brady went 31-of-46 for 388 yards and did much of his early damage on third downs. His five TDs tied a franchise record and gave him an NFL record with at least three in each of the first six games of the season - he has an NFL-best 21 this year. The league record is 49 by Peyton Manning.

Having insisted all week this was just another regular season game for them, Bill Belichick's players can now start looking forward to facing Indianapolis, the only other unbeaten team, in three weeks.

**Ochoa clinches second straight LPGA Tour player of the year award**

PALM DESERT, Calif. - Lorena Ochoa enjoys life at the top, and she intends to stay there for a while.

Ochoa clinched her second straight LPGA Tour player of the year award with a runaway victory Sunday in the Samsung World Championship.

Successfully defending her title in the elite event, Ochoa crafted a dosing 6-under 270-overall total of 18-under 270 - to push her record to 18-under 270. She finished at 18-under 270 after a 3-over 71 in the final round. The title was her seventh of the year and 16th overall.

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — No matter where or how he got the ball Sunday, Adrian Peterson seemed to find the opening in the Chicago Bears' defense.

Through the line, around the end, across the field with a split-second cutback and even on kickoff returns, he made the Bears miss.

Peterson's record-setting performance gave the Minnesota Vikings in position for victory, one they secured Sunday when Ryan Longwell kicked a career-long 55-yard field goal on the final play to beat the Bears 34-31.

"I just got comfortable, more comfortable with the speed of the game," Peterson said after showcasing the talent that made him the first running back taken in this year's draft. "I knew anything was possible.

"With a blend of power and speed, the rookie from Oklahoma finished with 244 rushing yards on 20 carries and scored on runs of 67, 73 and 35 yards. He broke Chuck Foreman's club-record of 200 yards rushing set against the Eagles in 1976, and gained the most yards against the Bears in their 88-year history.

"We stank. We played horrible," Bears defensive end Alex Brown said. "It's a good player, but ... he shouldn't get that many yards.

Peterson set up Longwell's game-winner by returning a kickoff 53 yards. His afternoon at Soldier Field overshadowed a great one from the Bears' Devin Hester, who returned a punt 89 yards for a score and caught a game-tying 81-yard TD pass from Brian Griese with 1:38 left.

"It's kind of crazy," Peterson said. "Guys come up to me and they say, 'When you got the ball, it's kind of like holding your breath.' I experience that when that guy (Hester) is on the field. I'm holding my breath knowing he can take it to the house any time he touches the ball.

"After the Griese-to-Hester connection tied it up, Peterson returned the ensuing kickoff to the Bears' 20.

"Why did the Bears kick to Peterson after he'd run all over them?"

"Of course, he's a big threat. They only needed a field goal, Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "We haven't gone into many games where we don't kick the ball to the player. We thought we would get good field position, and go from there."

After Peterson was thrown for a 4-yard loss back to the 37 on third down, Longwell booted a kick that just cleared the crossbar, setting off a Vikings celebration at Soldier Field.

"It was on line. I couldn't tell how far it cleared, but I know it wouldn't be much," Longwell said.

Peterson's 35-yard TD run with 4:10 left put the Vikings (2-3, 3-1 against the left) ahead for good, 31-24, despite Griese's second interception of the day with 1:53 to go.

On second down, Griese dropped back and lofted the long pass to Hester. The kick return specialist made a nice move and raced with Dwight Smith, catching the ball at the 32 and completing the touchdown.

"I'm not sure if it was the energy," Peterson said of the teams' excitement.

"It was a big play today," Woodson said. "Hopefully, I have many more to come.

With Green Bay's previously top-ranked passing offense sputtering and the Packers trailing 14-10 late in the third quarter, defensive lineman Corey Williams stripped Redskins receiver Santana Moss on an end around. Woodson picked up the ball and ran to the end zone.

The Packers (5-1) won despite a second interception by Brett Favre in the fourth quarter.

With 1:02 to play in the fourth quarter, Favre threw an interception to the 2-yard line on fourth down - the first lost of the season against Chicago last Sunday, regaining momentum as they head into their bye.

 Packers coach Mike McCarthy said the Redskins were the best team the Packers have played so far, but he still hasn't seen his young team play a complete game.

"We feel good about being 5-1, but we're a team that needs to clean our house," McCarthy said.

The Redskins (3-2) baffled a pass-happy NFC North offense for the second week in a row after beating Detroit, but offensive mistakes cost them on Sunday. Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said his team's fumbles and dropped passes weren't acceptable, even in wet conditions.

"Certainly that's no excuse for us," Gibbs said. "We're out in it, and we've got to make the catch.

Between the fumble and a subsequent leg cramp, Moss apparently was so upset that he took himself out of the game.

"I took myself out," Moss said. "Something wasn't feeling right with me, and why go out there and keep another guy from helping us win? There was (stuff) going on and I wasn't making the plays that I should have been making." Gibbs didn't blame Moss for the loss.

"You've got to get to that and say, 'That's something that just happened to us today,'" Gibbs said.

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Vikings place kicker Ryan Longwell kicks his game-winning field goal as time expires in a 34-31 win over the Bears Sunday. Longwell went 2-for-2 and established a new career long with the kick.

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Minnesota Wild had plenty to prove Sunday night against the Anaheim Ducks, the team that knocked them out of the playoffs last season. Now they are standing over a franchise-high 37 saves, leading the unbeaten Wild to a 2-0 victory. The loss spoiled the season-debut of goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

"That's going to be the thing with us this year," Ducks' defensiveman Sean O'Donnell said. "When you win the Cup, every team we play — when we come to town in, when they come here — it's going to be their statement game. It's kind of the measuring stick against other teams now. So I'm sure we're going to get every other team's best effort every single time. We've just got to push ourselves and rise above that."

Minnesota's 5-0-2 start leaves the Wild as the NHL's only team with at least one victory away from matching last season's squad for the Fran­chise's best winning streak from the start of a season. Three of the wins have been shutouts.

Jacques Lemaire, the only head coach the Wild has ever had, spent his entire 12-year playing career with Montreal Canadiens. "I knew that they felt they had a pretty solid game and physically rose to the challenge, but we expected that from them after last year's playoff," Boogaard and Lemaire refused to shake hands with the Ducks at the end of the series, the Wild's third consecutive years of shutting out a playoff opponent.

"I wasn't here last year, but one of the things the guys were talking about was showing that we weren't going to be pushed around," Minnesota center Eric Belanger said. "Boogaard and Money squared off at 14:18 of the opening peri­od right after a faceoff, and Nick Schultz took on Ducks playoff hero Ryan Getzlaf just 70 seconds later.

"I guess it was hyped before­hand, and I guess it lived up to the hype," said Boogaard. "Obviously last year, the shot that Brad gave Johnson we thought was a bit of a cheap shot. But tonight when Boog lined up with them, Brad answered the bell and did what a tough guy does."

The main event came at 5:36 of the second between Boogaard and Parros, who won on a TKO.

"Everybody respects what George does. He stands up for his teammates," O'Donnell said. "Having guys like George and Brad adds a lot of character to this team and lets the guys know that their backs are being watched."

Just seconds before that brawl, Boogaard knocked down Giguere as he went out to make a save on a shot from Anaheim's Chris Pranger as they reach for the puck in a 4-2 Red Wings victory Sunday.

Michigan left wing Kyle Calder in a 4-2 Red Wings victory Sunday.

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Wild only team without a loss after a 2-0 win

Ducks goalie Giguere's season debut spoiled with two allowed goals; Red Wings hand the Kings their fifth straight loss

Red Wings defendens Andreas Lilja, center, and Dan Cleary try to clear the puck away from Ducks left wing Kyle Calder in a 4-2 Red Wings victory Sunday.

Red Wings 4, Ducks 1

"Maybe the Los Angeles Kings should return to London," Henrik Zetterberg had a goal and two assists and the Detroit Red Wings beat Los Angeles Sunday night, sending the Kings to their fifth consecutive loss.

They have just one win so far, beating the Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks in the season-opener in London. The Kings' start is their worst since they were 1-6-0 in 1992-93, the last season they didn't make the playoffs.

"I thought we were better tonight, but felt like it was the Kings coach Marc Crawford said. "We made critical mistakes at critical times of the game."

Wild defensemen Martin Skoula collides with Ducks right wing Corey Perry as they reach for the puck in a 2-0 Wild win Sunday.
Indiana coach punished for NCAA violation

Kelvin Sampson will not receive $500,000 raise after second offense in 17 months; team will lose one scholarship next season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson will not receive a $500,000 raise and his team will lose one scholarship for next season after violating NCAA-imposed sanctions on phone calls, the school announced Sunday.

It's the second time in 17 months Sampson has been penalized for improper phone calls.

The NCAA banned him from off-campus recruiting for one year in May 2006 when the infractions committee ruled Sampson made 577 impermissible calls from 2000 to 2004 while at Oklahoma. As part of the penalty, Sampson also was banned from participating in three-way calls.

School officials said that while NCAA rules allow coaches to use three-way calling, the internal investigation showed Sampson violated the punishment handed down by the NCAA.

In a hastily arranged conference call with reporters Sunday, Sampson said he unknowingly participated in nine of 10 three-way calls a review found he was involved with during the 12-month period he had been sanctioned.

"It's very disappointing," Sampson said. "I've been dealing with sanctions from May 25 to May 25, and when it was over, we were confident that we had followed all of the rules other than one call. I was not aware the three-way calls were three-way calls other than one.

Sampson said the call he was aware of was to clear up questions from a recruit who had already committed himself to making an on-campus visit.

One report from the investigation, which athletic director Rick Greenspan said began in July, has already been turned over to the NCAA's infractions committee.

A second, describing what school officials believe are secondary violations for undocumented calls made from the homes of assistant coaches, is expected to be forwarded to the NCAA soon.

Greenspan said assistant coach Bob Senderoff, whom Sampson was responsible for patching through the three-way calls and whom school officials determined made the majority of the improper calls, also will be penalized.

"I'm profoundly disappointed we are dealing with this matter as is coach Sampson," Greenspan said. "We hope these sanctions send a strong message."

Still, Senderoff's job does not appear to be in immediate jeopardy since he is still coaching at practices and performing administrative duties.

Sampson would not say whether additional action might be taken against Senderoff in the future.

Sampson explained Senderoff was helping recruits reach Sampson, in part because Sampson's cell phone signal made it difficult. Recruits then, Sampson said, would call back Senderoff seeking assistance.

That's when, Sampson said, the three-way calls occurred. "I was allowed to text message kids and a lot of times that's how a kid would call," Sampson said. "But a lot of times, because of the area I lived in, the call would not go through or show up as missed calls. Because of the restrictions we were under, I could not make any calls from May 25 to May 25 and I did not make any calls."

"But it is a black eye for an Indiana program that took a risk when it hired Sampson in March 2006, while still under NCAA investigation.

Sampson is also expected to help put the Hoosiers back on the national map this year after winning the recruiting fight for Indianapolis high school star Eric Gordon last year. Gordon, the state's Mr. Basketball winner, backed out of a commitment with Illinois last October and announced he would play for the Hoosiers. Sampson acknowledged after his hiring that he had made mistakes at Oklahoma, mistakes that he and his staff had learned from.

A conciliatory Sampson again promised Sunday to follow all rules in the future.

"I think we had mistakes of omission and commission, but I don't think there was any intent to circumvent the rules," Sampson said. "We have to figure this out. We don't want to be 95 percent in compliance or 99 percent, we have to be 100 percent in compliance.

"I've been trying to do what's right in this program. I've acknowledged mistakes. I don't want to do anything wrong."

Greenspan said there were also secondary violations for undocumented calls made from the home of an assistant coach.

Sampson said he and his staff dutifully tried to abide by the sanctions although it is now clear there were violations.

"There was certainly no intent to think that we were above the law," he said. "That we broke were mistakes. ... It's not something that we were doing out front, purposefully."

When Sampson was hired, Greenspan said that additional NCAA infractions could lead to sanctions.

But Greenspan said Sunday that after consulting with university attorneys and school President Michael McRobbie it was determined the school-imposed penalties were appropriate.

"This decision was not made by the athletic director, but it has been made with considerable thought and it's a matter we will now move forward to the NCAA," Greenspan said.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Irish fifth in Big East after one up, one down**

By ELLYN MICHALAK  
Sports Writer

For the third weekend of the season, the Irish went 1-1 against two competitive conference teams.

The Irish first faced the Marquette. After defeating the Golden Eagles 3-1 in 2006, the Irish fell 3-1 (30-26, 20-30, 30-25, 31-29) Friday. “We ended up beating ourselves against Marquette,” senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk said. “We didn’t do enough intensity, and we underestimated Marquette’s ability.”

Despite the loss, outside hitter Stasiuk led the team by recording her double-double of the season with 19 kills and 13 digs. The Irish won the hitting percentage battle .238 to .204 and 13 digs. The Irish won the defensive specialist Angela Stasiuk and sophomore captain Debbie Brown her 400th Notre Dame victory.

**SMC SOCCER**

**Calvin topples Saint Mary’s**

By MEGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s fell 2-0 to the No. 1 Calvin Saturday in the Knights’ sixth conference game of the season in Grand Rapids, Mich. The loss dropped the Belles to 6-3-4 overall and 2-2-2 in the MIAA. The team dropped to fifth place in the conference, while Calvin (10-3-1, 5-0-0 MIAA) remained in first place.

The Knights wasted no time establishing their dominance in the match. Calvin defender Kellee Heierland tapped in a rebound to score her third goal of the season just over one minute into the match. Freshman midfielder Carly Prins was credited with the assist.

The quick goal was all the stingy Calvin defense would need in the game, as they allowed only three shots over the next 89 minutes. The Belles’ leading scorer, junior forwards Lauren Hinton, got loose for a shot four minutes into the game, but she missed wide to the left. Hinton also got off a shot during the 55th minute, but it was blocked by a Calvin defender before it reached the net.

Whitney From added the final goal of the match for the Saint Mary’s offense, which has struggled to produce in the past few weeks.

The shot total was the second lowest of the season for the Belles. Their lowest total was also against the Knights. The team was held to only one shot in a 0-0 draw in the conference opener for both clubs on Sept. 12. In a season where goalkeeper Amy Mahoney made five saves in the first game to pick up the shutout. This time around Calvin was able to sneak a few of their seven shots past Mahoney for the win.

Calvin midfielder Elizabeth Ribbens added an insurance goal in the last three minutes left in the game to bring the final score to 2-0. Junior Liz VanRees chipped a pass across the box to Ribbens who one-timed it past Mahoney for her seventh goal of the season. Ribbens is currently second on the team in goals scored behind Prins who has nine so far this season.

**NCAA Football**

**Ohio State now No. 1 after LSU and Cal fall**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ohio State has risen — all the way to No. 1. After the top two teams in the AP Top 25 lost, the Buckeyes jumped two spots Sunday in the media poll and became the third school this season to hold the No. 1 ranking.

“We’ve improved each week but we understand that the only poll that counts is the last one,” Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said in a statement. The Buckeyes (7-0) beat Kent State 48-3 Saturday and have played only one team that’s been in the rankings at any point this season. In a season in which 10 ranked teams have been beaten by unranked teams, just avoiding the upset bug has been enough for Ohio State.

Ohio State was No. 1 last season from preseason until the final poll, when the Buckeyes dropped to No. 2 after losing the BCS national championship game to Florida.

An unprecedented season took a new twist Saturday when LSU, in its second week as No. 1, was upset 43-17 in triple overtime by Kentucky. A few hours later, California, poised to move up one spot to No. 1 with a victory, lost at home to Arizona State.

It was the first time in 11 years the No. 1 and 2 teams in the AP poll lost on the same day.

The Buckeyes received 50 of a possible 65 first-place votes, and were not the only team to advance. South Florida, which had never been ranked before this season, moved up three spots to No. 2, leapfrogging No. 3 Boston College.

The Bulls received 11 first-place votes in this week’s poll, down from a possible 125. The BC’s win last week over Temple vaulted the Eagles one first-place vote, up to four in the Top 25.

No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 5 LSU each received one first-place vote, as did No. 12 Arizona State.

The last six time six teams received first-place votes after the first month of the season was Nov. 25, 1990.

The rest of the top 10 was No. 6 South Carolina, beat by Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia and Cal, which slipped eight spots to No. 16.

Virginia Tech was No. 11, followed by Arizona State and Southern California, which fell another three spots to No. 13.
Junior Kevin Veselik leans for the finish victory at the National Millikin with several feature continued from page 24 Saint Mary's. The Belles won their first two matches on Friday before dropping contests with losses to Central Iowa and host school Millikin. Saint Mary's started the weekend with a 3-0 win over Franklin College. The Belles never trailed in the match and recorded a clean sweep victory. Junior middle blocker Kaefa Hellmann led the nine kills and 13 digs. Hellmann was later named to the all-tournament team for her play during the weekend. Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski contributed to the win with eight kills and seven digs before coming out early due to an injury. "Lorna Slupczynski was sidelined most of Saturday due to some recurring shoulder and knee problems," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. The Belles struggled to replace her throughout the rest of the tournament. Saint Mary's was able to pick up their second sweep of the day in its night match against Fontbonne. The Belles played three tough games (30-23, 37-35, 30-21) but were able to hold in all of them to pick up the win. Hellmann was a leader again with nine kills and 16 defensive digs. Junior middle blocker Cathy Kurczak helped the cause with 12 kills and a .444 hitting percentage in the victory. Freshman middle blocker Andrea Sasgen was a leader on both defense and offense adding 15 kills and four block assists and two solo blocks. Senior setter Amanda David dished out 48 assists. David also helped on the defensive side of the game with 11 digs, which gave David her sixth double-double on the season. The Belles did not fare as well in their second day against some more impressive competition. They started the day against No. 19 Central Iowa, and then finished the tournament against Millikin. The Dutch defeated Saint Mary's 30-14, 25-30, 30-18, 30-17. Although the Belles did pull out a win in game two, the Dutch held complete control of the other three games. Millikin also kept control of theBelles, defeating them in a three game sweep. The Big Blue defeated Saint Mary's 30- 17, 30-19, 30-24, never letting them into the game. Schroeder-Biek was impressed with her teams effort overall. "I felt that they really played together well this weekend," she said. "Saturday, we defi- nitely struggled and that was frustrating. But overall, it was a good weekend. We didn't have the same "stand out" players this week, but they all kind of took turns." The Belles, who are 9-14 overall, return to conference play this Tuesday when take on Albion at home. Contact Samanta Leonard skleon01@stmarys.edu

**SMC CROSS COUNTRY**

Gray wins race, leads team to third overall

By MATT GAMBER Sports Writer

If Saint Mary's performance in its final tune-up during Saturday's Manchester Invitational was any indication, the Belles are right where they want to be heading into the MIAA Championship meet on Oct. 27. Senior Megan Gray ran a personal record 18:26 to capture the meet's individual title for the second consecutive year, winning an event for the second weekend in a row. As a team, the Belles finished third out of eight squads. Millikin also kept control of the Belles, defeating them in a three game sweep. The Big Blue defeated Saint Mary's 30- 17, 30-19, 30-24, never letting them into the game. Schroeder-Biek was impressed with her teams effort overall. "I felt that they really played together well this weekend," she said. "Saturday, we defi- nitely struggled and that was frustrating. But overall, it was a good weekend. We didn't have the same "stand out" players this week, but they all kind of took turns." The Belles, who are 9-14 overall, return to conference play this Tuesday when take on Albion at home. Contact Samanta Leonard skleon01@stmarys.edu

**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Belles drop after good start

By SAMANTA LEONARD Sports Writer

Sam Wieczorek paced the Irish, finishing the six-kilometer race in 21:03. She placed 37th overall. Freshman Marissa Treece was hot on her heels. Finishing in 21:07, 4th overall. Senior Ann Mazur (81st), sophomore Emily Wauford (104th), freshman Abby Higgins (113st), sophomore Beth Tiel (166th) and senior Amy Kohlmeier (199th) also ran for the Irish. The postseason begins for both teams in two weeks with the Big East Championships in Louisville, Ky. No members of the team were available for comment following the race. Contact Chris Doyen at cdoyen@nd.edu

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Two Notre Dame keepers, senior Lauren Kanas and sophomore Kelsey Lysander, combined on the shutout, but neither had to make a save behind a squad that possessed the ball for the majority of the contest.

Notre Dame 5, Villanova 0

Bock and freshman Rose Augustin each notched two goals and an assist as Notre Dame headed Villanova its worst loss since 1999, on Sunday. The Irish scored five times on Villanova senior goalkeeper Jillian Loyden, last season's Big East goalkeeper of the year.

The first half was physical, as Villanova repeatedly fouled the Irish and surrendered free kicks just outside the Wildcats' penalty area. The Irish converted one of those kicks late in the first half! Hanks was tripped up in front of the Wildcats bench on the right sideline, and she launched the ensuing free kick into the middle of the box. There, Bock broke free of her defender to head the ball past Loyden.

"If teams want to play physically, we are built to do that," Waldrum said.

Iantorno headed a throw-in from her left side of the net. "I thought we responded very well to [the physical play]."

Jones, who initiated the play Monday, timed a pass from freshman Wildcat and senior midfielder Ashley Jones, who initiated the play with a pass from the center of the field, earned an assist.

Villanova's Shane Condra scored at the 7:34 remaining in the first half. Bock flicked a long pass from junior defender Elise Weber toward the net and Loyden appeared to grab it. But the ball slipped through her hands and trickled into the back of the net. But Villanova didn't give in, notching six shots on goal in the first 20 minutes of the second half. The Wildcats had recorded just one shot in the entire first half, but got off 12 of 13 in the second.

"Villanova always has good teams and they really put us to the test," Waldrum said. "Even being down 2-0, they never quit."

Despite the Villanova pressure, the Irish defense and Karas kept their stoutest intact. Karas has not yet surrendered a goal in seven Big East games this season.

The Irish padded their lead with three goals in the final nine minutes of play.

Senior midfielder Ashley Jones scored at the 88:2 mark, and Augustin tallied the final two scores to put the game out of Villanova's reach.

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Junior Brittany Bock dribbles downfield during a 5-0 win over Villanova Sunday. Bock scored twice against the Wildcats.

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showed their youth against the Badgers, struggling in the opening stanza. Wisconsin fired the first nine shots of the game and out-shot the Irish 13-5 in the period.

Senior left wing Josh Engel ended a 66-game scoring drought to put the Badgers on the board with just under five minutes left in the period. Senior linemate Matthew Fed added a shot past Irish goaltender Jordan Pearce for his first career goal.

Pearce stood on his head in the first period making several big saves to keep the game in reach for the struggling Notre Dame offensive attack. The Irish looked sharper in the second period. Their speed forced Wisconsin to take four penalties, and senior captain Mark Van Guilder capitalized on one of the power plays. Two minutes into the period, freshman winger Ben Ryan worked the puck out of the corner and hit Van Guilder in the left face-off circle. Van Guilder quickly fired a shot that snuck between the pads of Wisconsin's Shane Connealy to tie the score at one apiece.

The teams remained tied until halfway through the final period when the Wisconsin offense caught fire and three more Badgers registered their first career goals.

Sophomore Aaron Binkowski got things started when he ended a 95:2 shot off the pads of Shane Connealy and hit Van Guilder in the left face-off circle. Van Guilder quickly fired a shot that snuck between the pads of Wisconsin's Shane Connealy to tie the score at one apiece.

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The Irish played their best soec- cer of the season in the first half but had nothing to show for it going into halftime.
Huskies forward O'Brien White
broke a 2-2 tie in the 35th minute when he scored an unassisted goal. White got the ball at midfield, nutmegged an Irish defender and took off down the field. He beat another defender and Irish keeper Chris Cahill and buried a shot at a nearly impossi- ble angle for a 1-0 lead.
"That O'Brien White kid, he was electric, he cut us as cold with two clinical bits of work," Clark said.
Connecticut added another one shortly afterwards when mid- fielder Isaac Holden got behind the Irish defense and beat Cahill to the far post.
"You go in 2-0 down, and you've dominated the game, and you're scratching your head, you say, 'What do we have to do?'" Clark said.
Lapira got things started in the 52nd meeting by squeezing a penalty kick past Connecticut keeper Josh Ford's diving arms. "We were talking at halftime that, even though we were down 2-0, that was the best half of soccer we've played all year," Lapira said. "We were confident, and we were just talking about taking it one goal at a time."
Miller played a long ball toward the box and out of Lapira's reach, but last year's M.A.C. Hermann Trophy winner bobbled the ball and was fouled on the play by Connecticut defender Julius Jones forcing the penalty shot.
"The third goal in the game was going to be very important," Clark said. "If they got it, it was going to be very difficult; if we got it, we were going to be right back into it, and that's what we did."
Miller then knocked the game to two, beating Ford from six yard out in the 60th minute of the match.
Less than five minutes later, Irish junior Jack Traynor picked up a pass from Miller in the corner near the end line. He sent a cross through the box, and Lapira headed it in to give Notre Dame its first lead of the game.
The lead, however, was short- lived. Huskies midfielder Mike Pozza split two defenders with a pass into the box, and Chukwudi Chijindu headed the ball past Cahill and into the corner of the net. "Their last goal was a classic goal as well, it was a great cross and a great header," Clark said. "I think we took so much out of ourselves getting back in the game that towards the end we looked a little tired."
The fatigued Irish held off any more of a comeback from the No. 1 Huskies but had trouble getting any type of offense going in the two overtime periods.
Notre Dame remains two points behind Connecticut for first place in the Big East, and each team has four conference games remaining before the post- season tournament.
"I think we learned a lot of les- sons," Lapira said. "Even though we're playing well we might con- cede a goal, and we got to keep our heads up, and that when we do concede a goal, we can come back."
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In the first 20 minutes, the Irish bombarded the Huskies box with pressure — recording six shots and two corner kicks. Connecticut could hard- ly get the ball past midfield.
Although the Huskies found their legs as the first 45 minutes dragged on, Notre Dame finished the first half with a 9-3 advantage in shots and 3-0 advantage in corner kicks — statistics that don't even do justice to Notre Dame's domi- nance of Connecticut in the first half.
"We put up a clinic, and we could have been up by two or three goals at halftime," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.
"The first 20 minutes were as well as we've ever played."
What was so remarkable about Notre Dame's perform- ance in the first half wasn't its dominance in possession, shots, corner kicks and just general offensive pressure. The Irish routinely outplay their opponents in those ways.
What stood out about the Irish's first-half performance was what they faced. Connecticut, for good reason, was the No. 1 team in the coun- try, but an unknown observ- er at Saturday's game would have walked away from the first half thinking Notre Dame was a better team. Despite their performance in the first forty-five minutes, there was no reason to think the Irish after the first half — the scoreboard.
Tiebreakers scored two quick-strike counterattacking goals both against the run of play. Being down 2-0 at halftime after outplaying the No. 1 team in the country for the first half is enough to take the wind out of any team's sails. Not Notre Dame. Just seven minutes into the second half, midfielder Ryan Miller put a little tap on a through ball for Joe Lapira, who was making a diagonal run into the 18-yard box.
Instead of giving up on a ball that Huskies goalie Josh Ford was clearly going to reach first, Lapira exploded in an all-out sprint causing Connecticut defender Julius Jones to deliver a hockey-like check to Lapira.
The result: a penalty kick for Lapira and new life for the Irish.
Within fifteen minutes, it was the Connecticut who looked like a team without life, and Notre Dame was taking a 3-2 advantage on the scoreboard. The Irish showed true resiliency, scoring three goals and recapturing the momentum in only 20 min- utes.
Although the Huskies came back to tie the game — again, they're the No. 1 team in the country for a reason — Saturday afternoon was about the Irish. In a game that high- lighted Notre Dame's champi- onship caliber talent and men- tal makeup, the Irish showed one more thing — confidence.
"They're a genuine No. 1 team, and I think, if anything else, Saturday's game con- vince our guys we can play with anyone," Clark said.
December should be very interesting.
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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything you do during the next several days is important. You may not be able to reach your goal or do what you want, but you will be able to move forward. You may have to make plans that will change the impression of your life and your future. 4 stars

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Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Think about how you can turn something you want into something you need. You can find another way to do what you want or to make plans that will change the impression of your life and your future. 4 stars

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MEN'S SOCCER

Dazzling draw

Lapira scores twice as team comes back to tie No. 1 UConn

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 3 Notre Dame and No. 1 Connecticut played to a 3-3 draw Saturday afternoon in what Irish coach Bobby Clark said was one of the best college soccer games of the season.

"I think at the end of the day there you had two teams worthy of being in an NCAA final, and I think that's all you can say," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

After falling behind 2-1 in the first half, the Irish started filling up the net. They scored three goals in less than 15 minutes to open up a 3-2 lead with just under 30 minutes left in regulation.

Senior Joseph Lapira scored his third and fourth goals of the season to lead the offensive attack for Notre Dame, and Ryan Miller pitched in with his team-leading fifth of the year.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Teams prepare for postseason with success in Terre Haute

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The men's and women's teams both made powerful statements Saturday at the Pre-National meet hosted by Indiana State in Terre Haute. In a meet that featured national contenders, the men finished fifth, while the women, coming off a disappointing performance at the Notre Dame Invitational, finished 13th.

Going into the race, the men were ranked seventh in the USTFCCA poll (which has no bearing on the selections of the NCAA Championship committee). The team finished ahead of top-ranked Oregon, No. 2 Wisconsin, No. 4 Iowa, No. 5 Stanford and No. 6 Oklahoma State.

Senior muflelder Ryan Miller dives for a ball during Notre Dame's 3-3 tie with Connecticut Saturday. Miller had a goal and an assist in the showdown between the Big East's top two teams.

After an impressive tie, Irish look poised for championship run

Throughout the season, Notre Dame has been very clear about its goal — to reach the program's first-ever Final Four.

Forget the Final Four. This team has everything it needs to be a factor in the NCAA Championship.

Saturday's match against No. 1 Connecticut could be considered a tale of two halves, each one illuminating something special about the Irish.

The first half was as impressive a half of soccer as Notre Dame has played this season.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Big East win streak reaches six in a row

Bock scores twice in both wins this weekend

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Irish junior forward Brittany Bock, the reigning national player of the week, scored a pair of goals in each of Notre Dame's wins this weekend — over Georgetown and Villanova.

"(Bock) has been an All-American in her first two years, and she's having that kind of a season," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

The victories ran Notre Dame's winning streak to six games and its conference unbeaten streak to 31 contests.

"It was another great weekend for us," Waldrum said. "We're sitting pretty high in the Big East. I couldn't be more pleased."

Notre Dame 3, Georgetown 0

Georgetown had the first shot of the game Friday, but the Irish dominated the remainder of the contest. The Hoyas did not register another shot — or any on goal — as the Irish kept the ball out of their defending third of the field for most of the contest.

Bock put the Irish on the board in the 21st minute when

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HOCKEY

Irish split at Lefty Invite

Pearce gets shutout after opening loss

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 8 Notre Dame opened its regular season this weekend by placing third in the Lefty -McFadden Tournament in Dayton, Ohio.

The Irish lost their first round game to No. 15 Wisconsin 4-1 but bounced back Saturday to take down Mercyhurst 4-0 and even their record at 1-1.

Wisconsin 4, Notre Dame 1

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Junior center Eric Condra celebrates a Gold squad goal during the annual Blue-Gold game on Oct. 6 in the Joyce Center.