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News Writer

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**SMEAC opens Free Store**

**Store sells used, donated, and recycled items to promote green campus**

By LIZ HARTER  
Saint Mary’s Editor

If students at Saint Mary’s are looking for any gently-used clothing, shower caddies or binders, they can now get them for free at the Saint Mary’s Environmental Action Coalition’s (SMEAC) Free Store.  

SMEAC has been planning the Free Store since Dr. Louise Weber, a professor of biology, talked in her class last year.  

Weber, who is an almost 100 percent green college, SMEAC public relations coordinator Jamie Thordsen said, “Weber gave us many tips on how we could take steps towards becoming a greener campus and one happened to be the free store.”

The Free Store is a way to get people to reuse usable items and also allows them to donate items they don’t need instead of throwing them away, she said.

SMEAC gathered many of the items in the store as students were moving out of the dorms at the end of last year. “A lot of it [came out of the trash],” Thordsen said. “The clothes were donated, but there were binders full of paper that people threw away last year, not even in the recycling.”

Members spoke with Carrie Call, the director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, about finding a room to open the store at the beginning of the year and were given Room 6 in the basement of LeMans Hall, which is in front of the vending machines.

The store opened for business yesterday with the first hour being open to SMEAC members only. “This is only for the grand opening,” Thordsen said, “It’s our way of saying thanks to our club members for their support and encouraging them to be active in our club this year.”

The SMEAC hour also provided organizers with a dry run, allowing them to see how the store will run. “It gave us enough time to change any unnecessary procedures or establish new ones as well,” necessary,” Thordsen said.

Students who visit the store are allowed to take anything they need as long as they check out the items with the SMEAC member working in the store. The student doesn’t have to make a donation to be able to take things, but donations are welcome whenever the store is open.

“We’re going to have to go heavy on promoting donation because we’ve been cleared out today,” SMEAC Vice President Monica Aguirre said. “The store is going to need donations in order to keep running.”

Both officers said there were a lot of students who stopped by the store to see what it had to offer.

“I’m really surprised with the turnout,” Aguirre said.

Junior Kate Doornbos was one of the students who stopped by; she picked up a blonde wig that someone left in the dorms last year that she said she’d find use for around Halloween.

“I think the Free Store is a really great idea,” she said. “I plan on coming back.”

The Free Store will be open twice a week starting this Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. and Sundays from 12-2 p.m.

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he would like to see a more efficient attack from an Irish running game, which averaged only 3.2 yards per carry.

“I was impressed, but I’d like to see more consistency in the running game,” he said. “Although the offensive line has played spectacularly so far.”

Sophomore quarterback Sclaraldi said he was even impressed by the halftime show, which featured the Michigan band playing some songs by once popular boy bands such as *NSYNC. “I think they had some really good song choices,” he said.

Though neither team is currently ranked, Mcintosh said he was happy to see Notre Dame beat Michigan.

“It doesn’t matter that we’re both not ranked, a win against Michigan is still a big deal,” he said. “This game is college football.”

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to “three to four percent of student enrollment,” he said.

The College hopes to continue increasing its number of international students through the aggressive recruitment policies that have been implemented, he said.

Most of the international recruitment is done online and by e-mail, Meyer said, but there is now more of an aggressive follow up.

After the College finds an international lead,” they are “making sure that we follow up with two or three occasions after that,” Meyer said. “It’s not just a one time thing.”

One approach is to seek out international high school students who are part of exchange or study abroad programs in the United States, he said.

He gave the example of a Japanese student who was studying at Clay High School in South Bend, but is now back in Japan. “When she was here, we had the chance to talk to her,” he said. “Her application will be coming in for the fall of 2009.”

In addition, Saint Mary’s is working with the Department of Defense and the Department of State, Meyer said.

The Department of Defense oversees schools on military bases and the Department of State “runs similar schools in various locations where the United States has embassies,” he said.

“Saint Mary’s made a conscientious decision to reach out to them,” Meyer said. “The increase from last year to this year is a trend that the College would like to continue,” he said.

“We want to continue to expand this and see if we can get to the point where we’re enrolling 10-15 first years that are international,” Meyer said.

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play an integral role in the classroom?
The easy answer, University Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said, is yes. But that yes comes with certain caveats, both for professors and students.

Academic freedom

Professors in all fields of study have certain obligations to uphold with their students, outlined in a University document called the Academic Articles, Jacobs said. The most relevant part of this document, in terms of political discussion in the classroom, he said, has to do with academic freedom that, like every other freedom, comes with expectations.

"I think there are certain responsibilities that faculty have in the practice of academic freedom, to be respectful of others and to understand the boundaries of their expertise or their particular discipline," he said.

Article III, section 2, titled "Academic Freedom and Associated Responsibilities," says principles of academic freedom include the "freedom to teach and to learn according to one's obligations, vision, and training" and "respectful allowance for the exercise of these freedoms by others."

A third principle calls for the "avoidance of using the University to advance personal opinion or commercial interest."

These three principles are crucial in any discussion regarding political debate at an academic level, Jacobs said.

"There should never be an issue of advocacy -- a professor should not be an advocate of a particular position politically," he said.

Individuals at the University, faculty and students alike, have an opinion on a political topic. A question for professors, however, is "to what extent in the profession of being a professor do you reveal that," Jacobs said.

In terms of relevance to the subject matter, Jacobs provided the example of a mathematician expressing an opinion around a political subject.

"That would be inappropriate," he said.

There are many courses across the University, however, where political debate would be appropriate, "where policies decided on either the national or international, global level would be absolute at the heart of what the course is all about," Jacobs said.

Individuals in the classroom should express their ideas and opinions in those cases, but in a respectful manner "that in the end would make us all better informed citizens," he said, and political debates, where appropriate, should remain present in the academic setting.

"We want students to be actively engaged citizens, to be citizens of the political process. And so to say that those kinds of discussions or debates are barred from the classroom would be doing something damaging, I think, to an educational institution," Jacobs said.

 Debate at an academic level is one thing, he said, but advocacy for a particular side is improper.

"It would be naive to say that when any of us speak, what we say does not reflect our personal beliefs," Jacobs said. "Faculty members are not there to advocate for a position, but to help students understand how reasonable debate in a political sphere takes place."

Where is the line?
The line between political advocacy and debating a certain position at an academic level is a hard one to draw, Political Science Department Chairperson Michael Zuckert said.

"It's hard to draw the line between political science -- political analysis -- and political advocacy because what's involved in political analysis is the judgment of the adequacy or inadequacy of various political proposals," he said. "And that may or may not end up favoring particular positions."

The evaluation of a political position, an integral part of the study of political science, is different than the evaluation of a work of art, Zuckert said, because it may seem appropriate for a teacher of art to make a distinction between better or worse.

"It's not as controversial," he said. However, controversies related to politics are unavoidable, due to the nature of the discussion of differing opinions regarding a position, he said.

In the field of political science, he said, there is sometimes an "aspiration to be completely value free."

"But I don't think that generally works out or what [political science] should do or be," Zuckert said.

Professors should keep in mind the power differential between their position and the position of students in the classroom when deciding the amount they integrate their own beliefs into their curriculum, he said, and their "ability to make people feel uncomfortable."

Drawing the line, though difficult, is a mark of good teaching, Zuckert said, and different professors may take different strategies in presenting political opinions in the classroom setting.

"You can't just draw this line in a firm way -- but I think there are ways of presentation which are more sensitive to the classroom situation," he said. "However, sometimes, in moments of heated partisan debate, it can be easy for people to forget where they are and what they're doing."

The next part of this series will present professors' strategies of presenting politics in their courses relating to the 2008 election.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protesters' revolt kills 15, injures 55

LA PAZ, Bolivia - At least 15 people were killed in a popular massacre Saturday in the city of Santa Cruz, where the government紫 of President Evo Morales struggled to assert control over a badly fractur紫的 Bolivia on Sunday as protesters set fire to a town hall and blocked highways in opposition-controlled provinces, impeding gasoline and food distribution.

Bolivian authorities said that the dead included at least 14 protesters, one policeman and a group of children whose deaths were still under investigation. Another 55 people were injured.

Tens of thousands of protesters blocked highways and attempted to seize government offices and police stations in several provinces in the southern highlands. Morales had ordered troops and the police to disperse the protesters and stop the destruction of public property.

Police and soldiers killed the protesters, many of whom were trying to barricade the highways with logs and other material.

The violence in Santa Cruz, where Morales has been accused of raising property taxes, came on the day that the national government announced a state of emergency in the city of Santa Cruz.

Morales blasted much of the media for the way it had covered the protests.

Morales said that the government would pull the plug on a program that had allowed hundreds of thousands of people to get bank loans, and that it would freeze salaries in the public sector.

The government also said that it would stop paying the salaries of thousands of government workers, who had been demanding a pay raise.

The unrest, which began in Santa Cruz in mid-September, has spread to other provinces and cities in the country, where the government has been trying to implement a series of reforms aimed at reducing the country's high inflation rate.

The government has said that it will continue to negotiate with the protesters, who have blocked highways and closed airports.

Most of the city has lost electricity, the government said, and buses and taxis have stopped running.

The government of President Evo Morales has declared a state of emergency in the city of Santa Cruz.

THAILAND

Thailand calls for a compromise

Associated Press

BANGKOK — The Thai government ended a state of emergency imposed in the north on Thursday, a government official said Friday, after a night of violent clashes between anti-government protesters and supporters of the government.

The government said Friday that it would lift the state of emergency in the north, where a series of violent clashes between the government and protesters had left at least 17 people dead and hundreds injured.

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U.S. Airorce Senior Airman Brandon Smith searches for victims in Galveston, Texas, Sunday, after the landfall of Hurricane Ike.

Rescuers save 2,000 following Ike

Texas victims found within destruction after search and salvage operations

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — Rescuers said Sunday they had saved nearly 2,000 people from the waterlogged streets and splintered houses left behind by Hurricane Ike. Glass-shattered houses were placed under a weeklong curfew, and millions of people in the storm’s path remained in the dark.

As the floodwaters began to recede from the first hurricane to make a direct hit on a major U.S. city since Katrina, authorities planned to go door-to-door into the night to reach an untold number of people across the Texas coast who rode out the storm and were still in their homes, many without power or supplies.

Many of those who did make it to safety boarded buses without knowing where they would end up, and without knowing when they could return to what was left of their homes, if anything.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," said Armada Eagan, 52, who was forced to crawl in the dark to a shelter in San Antonio after leaving her home and wading through chest-deep water with nothing but her clothes. "I'm confused. I don't know what to do."

The industry also battered the Houston area, which has a large federal workforce.

The federal government reported that at least 1,984 people had died in what is being called a "catastrophic" storm.

The storm's death toll was at least 13, but the numbers could rise. More than 1.2 million people fled their homes, and many remained in shelters or outdoors in the wake of the storm.

One man was killed when a tree fell on a house in a neighborhood left without electricity.

The hurricane also battered the Houston area, which has a large federal workforce.

Rescuers and volunteers were still canvassing neighborhoods Sunday, looking for people who had been trapped by the storm.

The death toll from the storm rose to 13 in Harris County, where a number of people were still missing.

Rescuers said they had found dozens of people in the water, including one body found in a vehicle submerged in floodwater at the airport. Many others were trapped in their homes, or how many could be found is unknown.

"We want our citizens to stay where they are," a weary Mayor Lydia Annoch said. "It's not come back to Galveston. You can't live here right now."

But the city of Galveston, Texas, which is the fourth-largest city, was reduced to near-paralysis in some places.

The king was on his way home by helicopter as he prepared to return to his official residence, the Grand Palace in Bangkok, where he had been in residence since the March crisis.

"If we continue the state of emergency it could damage the country's economy," Somchai said after meeting with the army chief and other senior security officials.

The stock market has fallen about 25 percent since anti-government protests started their campaign with street demonstrations in May.

"We should bring back the smile to the country once again, as we are called The Land of Smiles," he said. "We have to restore outsiders' confidence, especially tourists, that we are a peaceful country and have no more conflict."

"I am confident that all parties concerned will soften their stance and come to a compromise," Somchai said.
Howard
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from U.S. roads, she said. "We are trying to do what we can on a smaller scale," Henderson said. This was our goal last year when Howard Hall decided to create an environmental committee with an environmental commissioner heading it within the dorm, Henderson said. At the commission's first meeting, Henderson decided to contact General Electric over the prospect of donating their CFL bulbs, she said. "I was able to get them through the Vice President of Re-creation, a division of the Green Initiatives for General Electric," Henderson said. "I just contacted her by e-mail and let her know what was going on with Howard and asked if it would be possible if we could get a donation of the bulbs," she said.

At first, the vice-president, Lorraine Balsinger, said the bulbs were sold out all over the country, but later they became available, Henderson said. "We are very lucky to have them," she said.

The bulbs will be handed out to the residents in Howard at the dorm's hall council meeting Tuesday, Henderson said. "There are 160 people in Howard including staff and we will give out one per room," Henderson said.

Although the bulbs cannot be used in the overhead lights in the room, they can be put in the freestanding lamps and desk lamps the girls have in their rooms.

The leftover bulbs will be given to housekeeping so they can replace them when other lights burn out, Henderson said. "It's important to remember that doing something like this might seem insignificant, but it's the little changes that add up." she said.

Installing CFL bulbs in the dorm is only the first step in Howard's initiative to become a greener dorm, Henderson said. The Environment Committee is in the planning stages for several other projects, she said.

One project focuses on altering the water bottle usage in the dorm, Henderson said. She has been researching a water bottle made by a company called Wattergears, Laboratories, hoping to provide them for students, she said.

"My room drinks an awful lot of water bottles because we don't want to drink the tap water," she said. "We are thinking of getting water bottles for the dorm that have built-in purifiers so we can fill up the bottles straight from the tap and reduce the plastic waste in our dorm," she said.

Other projects in the works are altering the recycling methods for the dorm and offering environmental-friendly cosmetics and toiletries, Henderson said.

These projects have excited other Howard residents about becoming involved in making Howard a greener dorm.

Freshman Shannon McNaught said she is happy to see so much environmental awareness on campus. "I took an environmental science class in high school and got involved in a lot of environmental action there," she said. "I was really excited to see something in Howard pertaining to the same idea."

Virginia Benz, another freshman, said she is excited to join the environmental committee and compete in the upcoming energy competition in which every dorm attempts to be the greener dorm on campus. "I am excited to see if we can win the competition. I think we have a good chance," she said.

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these is "Lake Dillon," located in front of the dorm on South Quad.

A group of men from Surin Hall made an afternoon visit to "Lake Dillon" for a little adventure. One threw a football to the middle of the lake, while the others took turns sprinting in and making diving catches.

"Nothing beats a face full of mud, a mouth full of water, and a touchdowns catch. This is where heroes are made, this is where legends live, this is the middle of South Quad."-Kale Frank Sophomore

Freshman Natalie Lester has experienced Hurricane Ike's effects twofold. "I'm from Houston, so we got hit there, and now here," she said.

Many students found ways to adjust to the rainfall, cancelling plans and choosing to stay inside and study. "I had plans of going to play basketball," said freshman Caleb Atwood. "Not now.

Sophomore Nicole Ruiz from Pasquerilla East has been forced to cope with the rainfall. "Yesterday, I was working at a concession stand and the rain was the most horriﬁc thing ever," she said. She added, "I haven't had to change my plans much, but I have had to change my clothes."

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**In Brief**

**Government may face difficult choice**

WASHINGTON — Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says the government may face a difficult choice as it tries to help arrange a rescue of Lehman Brothers without using public money.

The field of possible buyers for the investment bank seems to be narrowing and discussions are continuing. The Bush administration is seeking to avoid a public-sector backing for the firm. The company’s shares fell as investors fretted about the situation earlier Friday, Merrill Lynch’s shares fell as investors fretted about the firm’s future in whole or in part.

Greenspan says if the effort fails, officials may face a difficult choice as it tries to help Lehman or whether to allow the government to be liquidated or whether to have the government lend to the firm.

Greenspan says he is not making any recom- mendation because he doesn’t know enough about Lehman’s financial situation or the repercusions of any action. He says there could be more big financial companies in trouble in the future. He says that doesn’t have to be a problem, depending how each situation is handled, and he says the government should not try to protect every struggling institution.

Lehman Brothers continues to crumble

SAN FRANCISCO — The mortgage meltdown is like a financial hurricane, then think of Lehman Brothers as a casualty that waited too long to try for help.

By the time that Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. sent out its distress signal, the U.S. govern- ment had become reluctant to lend a hand as it did other recent bailouts that could cost taxpayers tens of billions of dollars.

And without some government protection, other banks still try to cope with their own risky real estate investments weren’t inclined to come to Lehman’s rescue.

Finally, investors and lenders have become leap of throwing more money into the seeming emptiness of dollars that lenders see as the home values securing mortgages across the United States continue to crumble.

"The first losses in a crisis are usually easier to take," said Daniel Alpert, managing director of Westwood Capital LLC. "It’s the last losses that become debilitating because the well starts to run dry. There just isn’t a lot of cushion left."
Along with the Tasmanian Tiger, the Lindbergh baby and the Soviet Union, the intellectual might someday be regarded as one of the great disappearances of the twentieth century. The term "intellectual" — a learned man or woman whose life is dedicated to informed discussion in order to influence public opinion — first came into popular usage with the Dreyfus affair in the 1890s. They defended the common good, appealed to human rights, national sentiment, justice, humanity and so on — the self-appointed public moralists of literate societies that placed a premium on free speech and, ostensibly, principled debate.

In the world of universities, there are still some last flutters of public engagement, but you would be hard-pressed to find them. Whether due to the scarcity of academic jobs, the publish-or-perish mentality, the intense specialization of each discipline or some combination of these and other factors, academics have too much to risk — tenure and other professional considerations — to venture outside of their own small patch of academic turf. It’s certainly not the case that academics aren’t smart, thoughtful, passionate or engaging, just that the academic environment provides too many disincentives from doing anything other than focusing on lab reports, lectures and the next article or book.

For their part, universities typically justify their existence and quality based on stated commitments to academic excellence (whatever that means), small class sizes, selective admissions and skills development.

Once again, there is too much to risk — donations, quality applicants, faculty satisfaction and prestige — to do more than store, increase and pass on knowledge. After all, universities make it clear that their mission is education and any attempt to apply that education to political, social or cultural issues is extracurricular. It’s not a bad thing by any means. But the closest thing most university professors will ever experience to real political engagement in the classroom will be a "witty" political wisecrack that connects the topic du jour to some current event or public figure. And in every case, it is an ironic (probably unintentionally) acknowledgment of the incohesively vast distance between the academic world and the world of public discourse — about as wide, it turns out, as the distance between knowing facts and real understanding.

As uncomfortable as these observations may be (and they are observations, not criticisms), it seems to be not an isolated problem, but rather a malaise that runs deeper than the groves of academe. Here’s an example that’s probably familiar to most grad students, or for that matter, humanities majors in general. When I decided to begin my Ph.D. program here in history, one of my college roommates, who is now working for Microsoft, couldn’t fathom why for two reasons: First, because the pay was comparatively lower than what someone of my age would be making working in the public sector; and second, because in his mind I was going to waste my life doing something as irrelevant as history. This scene, as you can imagine, has played out and continues to play out with anyone working in the sort of job that involves poor compensation and dedication to an ideal, whether it is academia, the arts, an NGO or the like.

The point, simply, is that money, not ideas, seems to be the driving force in most people’s lives nowadays. In fact, people probably act on emotion rather than reason most of the time. It takes less effort to be moved by emotion and economics, and it’s much harder with ideas. A glance at political debate, at the news or at pop culture should be proof enough that we think of ourselves and our lives mostly in economic terms — How much is a college degree worth? How much do I need to retire comfortably? — and that we are moved by emotions foremost.

We let ourselves be blinded to principles and ideas just because it’s easier to declare upfront that all ideas are equally valid and not have to think about them altogether, and let ourselves be moved by our passions or whether we like the proponents or opponents of one or another argument. And, in another probably unintentional irony, we forget that the result of all this talk of relativism, tolerance and political correctness — one of which we’re necessarily bad — has in the end turned into anti-rationalism, anti-intellectualism and the demobilization of the value of ideas and principles. Trained not to think, what else do we have to fall back on except acquisition and emotion?

So at a time when it seems that public intellectuals can contribute to public dialogue more than ever, none are forthcoming. The university, it seems to me, has all the elements to nurture and protect not only engagement among its faculty, but encourage thoughtful, critical, principled reflection on the great problems of our time, inside and outside of the classroom. That it falls short of doing both surely is doing nothing to combat the failing public confidence in ideas and in higher education.

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Darryl Campbell
Speak Up, Please
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad game day behavior a disgrace to football tradition

A rare visit to a Notre Dame football game a week ago with a fellow alum revealed to both of us the derogation of what was once a festival we could celebrate without endangering our souls. Standing outside the Stadium, we witnessed a student clad only in shorts with this lewd message on his back: "Suck this," and a golden arrow pointing downward. He was in a frenzied state accompanied by more than a half dozen Notre Dame girls scantly clad, their bodies painted green and gold. The student was dancing around and engaging older alumni with their families, lifting his arms up saying: "Come on, let's get it up." As the alumni fans walked by they nervously greeted him and joined him in his revelry. Unfortunately this behavior was not an isolated incident that day. It grieved me to see the Notre Dame football tradition being prostituted by a spirit of lewdness and revelry. My thought is: Enjoy Notre Dame football tradition but do not get drunk, clown if you like but do not be lewd. Let's not lose Heaven over earthly festivals.

Suck this—come on, let's get it up.

Raytheon's money is blood money

In response to Matt Florian's Sept. 11 Letter to the Editor ("Notre Dame presence essential in CIA, Raytheon"), he may have a point when he said that Notre Dame graduates should pursue jobs in the CIA in order to change it, but he has no case whatsoever in claiming that Notre Dame students should pursue a career with Raytheon, a weapons manufacturer. Although it is doubtful that one would have the power to "think twice" when making a tough decision in the CIA, an organization that has little room for moral problems and places emphasis on obedience to orders with little respect for human rights, it is ludicrous to suggest that taking a job with a weapons manufacturer would change it in any way. Raytheon would continue to manufacture its bombs and other weapons for its own benefit and its investors' at the expense of countless innocent people. It would be like taking a job at Starbuck's when you are morally opposed to coffee. Although Raytheon may use the euphemism "technology leader specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets," let's not deceive ourselves: They are making things that will kill other people, and any Notre Dame student who takes a job with them is intrinsically part of that mission.

In addition, Notre Dame should not accept the blood money given to sponsor its Class of 2009 Senior Kick-off Event by Raytheon. I am ashamed that this Catholic university has done so, despite the pope's condemnation of torture and the arms trade. Notre Dame does not allow Planned Parenthood at its Career Fair, so why should it allow Raytheon and the CIA? Are we not responsible for the deaths of innocent people? That weapons of war are bought and sold almost as if they were simply another commodity like appliances or industrial machinery is a serious moral disorder in today's world... Jobs at home cannot justify exporting the means of war abroad," U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1993 "Sowing Weapons of War"

Favre not such a golden boy

In response to Jay Fitzpatrick's article about Brett Favre ("I just love football," Sept. 11), I'd like to say that Favre is perhaps one of the most overrated athletes of our time. Mr. Fitzpatrick's article essentially sums up the typical football analyst's opinion about Brett Favre:

1. Favre is a "grounding." This title is simply an attempt at justification for Favre's tendency to throw way too many interceptions (he has the all-time interception record).
2. Favre is an "old-fashioned country boy." Why is this relevant? Are we somehow supposed to appreciate an athlete from the deep south more than an inner-city athlete? Emmitt Smith - a better running back than Favre is a quarterback - grew up in the projects. Not once was he described as an "old-fashioned inner-city kid."
3. Favre "just loves to play the game." I doubt he enjoys it much more than the average NFL player. Yes, he shows emotion. But consider this: In the final game of the 2002 season with five minutes left in the game, Favre intentionally called an incorrect play to his offensive line. He ran the opposite way of his linemen, leaving him unblocked and prime to be sacked by Giants defensive end Michael Strahan. Why did Favre do this? To make sure his buddy Strahan achieved the single-season sack record (the sack he earned by tackling Favre, gave him the record). Favre cheated the game by lying to his teammates just so his friend got a record. I'm sure he enjoys playing football, but "fixing" a record seems a bit unethical (talk, Favre's own light-tend, Bubba Franks, confirmed that Favre lied in the huddle about the play).

Brett Favre had a good career. But let's keep it in perspective.

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U-Wire

No fix for declining dollar

When I walked up to the currency exchange counter in Lima, Peru, and was told that American dollars translated to no more than 2.20 Peruvian soles, my jaw dropped. I had been in Peru since the previous summer, and the 2007 exchange rate would have given me at least 320 soles. Now I was 50 soles short! The difference could have bought me at least two cases of beer! As a frequent jet-setter and an economics student, shouldn't have been wondering when the sun will shine again on the economy, my common sense have prepared me for the woes are draining consumers' wallets, leaving them scratching their heads and the means of war against most currencies in the world, like the euro, yen and — to my surprise, the dollar. By lining up on the economy. Tax cuts here, rebates there and — voila! Problem solved.

But while these programs are great, they are making things that will kill other people, and any Notre Dame student who takes a job with them is intrinsically part of that mission.

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SNL Season Premiere Fails to Live Up to Expectations

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“Saturday Night Live’s” season premiere this past weekend began on a strong note with a humorous opening bit, “A Non-Partisan Message from Governor Palin and Senator Clinton,” a message that sexism is inappropriately playing a role in the presidential campaign. Tina Fey cameoed as Sarah Palin, who is portrayed as inexperienced, while Clinton, played by Amy Poehler, is depicted as a “supporter” of Obama. The sketch referenced Palin’s apparent confusion over the Bush Doctrine in her first major interview on ABC when Poehler mentioned the doctrine and Fey stated, “I don’t know what that is.”

The show went downhill from there, with a predictably sketch titled “Quiz Bowl,” a question-and-answer game show between public school Richmond High team and Amish home school Jasper Family team, depicting the home-school team as ill-informed and extremely religious. A commercial for Jar Gloves also disappointed with a ridiculous and exhaustive chain of events, stating that problems opening jars leads to injuries, suspicion and eventually trial and prison.

Lil Wayne performed as musical guest, first playing “Got Money” and later, the crowd-pleasing “Lollipop.” The music overshadowed the vocals to some extent, but otherwise, the rapper lived up to expectations. During “Lollipop,” Wayne unexpectedly pulled out a guitar at the end of the song and played a few chords.

“Weekend Update” was spattered with weak political jokes and stabs at Governor Palin, including the introduction of a new guest named Alaska Pete, played by Will Forte. Nicholas Fehn, the recurring guest political comedian, also appeared to the audience’s disappointment, as his incomplete sentences and thoughts were not funny the first time and certainly are not funny now.

Andy Samberg played a frazzled Cathy from the “Cathy” comic strip as another new guest.

“The Charles Barkley Show” could have been very funny after last season’s Sundance Channel Iconoclasts with Charles Barkley and Björk. However, a sketch relied on clichéd jokes, like guest world-record runner Usain Bolt apparently being so fast that he came and went in a second.

A final commercial, “The Michael Phelps Diet,” nearly embarassed the show. To help people trying to lose weight, Phelps recounts his typical 12,000-calorie-a-day diet, stating “it works wonders for me” with a subtitle “based on 4000 laps of swim practice at world-record pace.” Jared Fogle from Subway made a cameo, and the diet was hilariously promoted but described as “almost certainly fatal.”

All in all, the show did not live up to expectations. The new season hurt from the departure of Maya Rudolph, and far too many sketches tried too hard to lure laughs instead of going for the political witlessness the show could be delivering.

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Crank UM up
Notre Dame makes statement with 35-17 win over Michigan

By LAURA MYERS
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When it rains, it pours. On a wet and sloppy field, Notre Dame capitalized on six Michigan turnovers to beat the Wolverines 35-17 on Saturday. Michigan led in every offensive category, but it was turnovers that put Michigan behind on the scoreboard.

The Irish scored two touchdowns in the first four minutes of the game to take a commanding lead they didn't relinquish. The first came after Wolverine running back Brandon Minor dropped a swing pass behind the line of scrimmage on the fifth play of the game. Sophomore linebacker Brian Smith came up with the ball at the Michigan 11-yard line, and the Irish scored less than a minute later on a 2-yard run by sophomore Robert Hughes.

"When a team allows you to put points on the board, you definitely have to put points on the board," Hughes said. "That's how you win games."

The ensuing kickoff was dropped by Michigan's Michael Shaw. Senior Mike Anello recovered the fumble on the Wolverine 15-yard line. Again, the Irish turned a Michigan turnover into a touchdown when sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Golden Tate in the back corner of the end zone.

"For our team, and for our students, and for our alumni, and for our fans, today was a big win." - Charlie Weis, Irish coach

"Our team allows you to put points on the board, you most definitely have to put points on the board." - Robert Hughes, Irish running back

After kicker Brandon Walker's PAT, the Irish were up 21-0. The play was the longest completion of Clausen's career until the second quarter, when he found Tate on an underneath route and the young receiver broke two tackles and ran for a 60-yard gain. That play was part of an 87-yard drive for the Irish that ended with Hughes in the end zone for the second time in the game. Hughes carried a total of 19 times for 79 yards and two touchdowns.

Clausen finished the game 10-for-21 passing with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Wein noticed a difference in his quarterback's ability to deal with defensive pressure. Coming into Saturday's game, the Michigan defense led the NCAA with nine sacks in its first two games. However, it was unable to record one against the Irish.

"[Clausen] is running, growing up, throwing the ball away instead of doing something stupid," Weis said. "Avoiding turnovers was the key to a win for the Irish on Saturday. They were able to limit their own while cashing in on the Wolverines' mistakes. Several of Michigan's turnovers came when the Wolverines were close to scoring. Senior safety David Bruton intercepted a pass by Michigan quarterback Nick Sheridan on the Irish 5-yard line in the fourth quarter. Bruton also forced a fumble on the Notre Dame 2-yard line in the third quarter.

"Instead of going seven for us, it's seven for them," Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said. "Bruton is making a habit of grabbing turnovers on the goal line. He also helped force a fumble on the 3-yard line against San Diego State in Notre Dame's opener.

"You do whatever you can to keep them from scoring," Bruton said.

He also had 10 solo tackles and five assists in the game. Wein said that he knew going in that his team would need to play a "complementary game" to get the win.

"We made big plays on special teams, we made big plays on offense, and we made big plays on defense," he said. "All three units have to step in and do their jobs and make some plays."

Michigan's offense relied almost exclusively on freshmen Sam McGaffe and Martavis Odoms. McGaffe ran around the Irish front seven, finishing the day with 25 carries for 131 yards. He also made four receptions for 47 yards and a touchdown. Odoms had six receptions for 56 yards.

Notre Dame's win moves the series record to 20-15-1 in favor of Michigan and it ends a two-year spell of Wolverine blowouts.

"For our team, and for our students, and for our alumni, and for our fans, today was a big win," Wein said.

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Irish sophomore Brian Smith races towards the end zone after recovering Michigan quarterback Steven Threet's fourth quarter fumble. Smith's return put Notre Dame ahead 35-17 with 14:50 left in the game and was one of six Wolverine turnovers on Saturday.

Facts of the game

- Michigan turnovers: 6
- Irish tackles: 15
- Irish solo tackles: 6
- Michigan interceptions: 2
- Irish sacks: 1
- Michigan lost fumbles: 4
- Irish lost fumbles: 0
- Michigan penalties: 4
- Irish penalties: 1

Quote of the game

"MCU/ACL, how do you like that? I feel like an athlete for the first time in my life." - Charlie Weis, Irish coach

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player of the game
David Bruton
Bruton led the team with 15 total tackles, one for a loss. He also forced a fumble and intercepted a pass on the goal line.

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- Golden Tate's 48-yard touchdown reception
- Clausen's home-run pass gave the Irish a 21-0 lead with five minutes remaining in the first quarter.
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Sophomore running back James Aldridge dives over Michigan safety Brandon Harrison on a run near the goal line on Saturday. Aldridge had 31 yards on nine carries in his first appearance of the season on Saturday.

Details bode well for Irish

Win in Notre Dame Stadium. The first came on Oct. 4, 1930 when the Irish beat Southern Methodist 2D-14. Zoltan Mesko. He was the team's comfortable lead and being in field goal range. field on 4th down in the second hall despite a Times in the past adding up Return yards in the second season. Tate is his favorite quarters: McGuffie to run all over the line and gave McGuffie to run all over the line and gave Notre Dame too much to get the pick.

For perspective, a little comparison.
Points Notre Dame scored in the first two games of last year: 13. This year: 56. Rushing yards for Notre Dame in the first two games of last year: negative eight. This year: 218. Sacks Notre Dame allowed through the first two games of last year: 15. This year: none. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen said the improved protection made a "huge" difference this season and was quick to show his appreciation. "I told the offensive linemen in the locker room, I said, 'Pick a place you want to go to dinner. I'm buying this week,'" he said after the game. "I'm giving them a bonus." A bonus they, as well as the rest of the Irish, deserve.

The win over Michigan said with actions what Irish coach Charlie Weis has been preaching with words - fears about last season are through. Any thoughts of a repeat of last year's season can be debunked. This team is different, the attitude upbeat, the offense able, the defense tough. But before we proclaim all ties to 2007 severed, some qualifications exist. Notre Dame played poorly against an injured San Diego State team and won on the strength of one good quarter of football. It also beat a Michigan team that fumbled seven times and is in its first year running a spread offense.

The question to ask now is: Can the Irish maintain this early success? Why Notre Dame beat Michigan is obvious but to find what's telling about the play is what Clausen didn't do.
Michael Floyd lined up on the right side with David Grimes in the slot. The after the snap, Clausen looked to Floyd, whom Hughes was in double coverage and Floyd, but Floyd was covered. He turned and checked Grimes, who ran over the middle, but the defense had Grimes covered as well. Finally, he looked left, to Hughes, and completed the pass. Clausen went through his reads and looked at his receivers, something he had trouble with against San Diego State. He didn't stare down one receiver or try to force the ball into coverage. He understood his progressions and avoided mistakes. Two plays later, Clausen's head folowed Floyd all the way down the right sideline. It also followed his pass as it was intercepted. Oops. But that's where Notre Dame is right now. One aspect of the team doesn't dominate. Clausen can throw interceptions, but he knows the defense has its back. The defense can allow Wolverines running back Sam McGuffie to run all over the field, but it knows the offense will score points. The offense may fail to move the ball, but no matter, because David Bruton and Mike Anello have punt coverage locked down.

We made some big plays on special teams and offense and defense, and I think at this stage of our program I think it's important that we play a complementary football game," Weis said. "As long as we show up every week and get some plays out of all three elements, I think that gives us a chance.
Another example of Notre Dame's advances this season: the running game. Michigan allowed 1.1 yards per carry in the first two games of the season and, in the second half a downpour there was no secret Notre Dame would run. Yet Floyd rushed for 79 yards on 19 carries, averaging 4.2 yards per carry, and had two touchdowns.
"Notre Dame" did a nice job blocking," Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said. The running game led to the suc- cess of the play-action pass, a third reason Notre Dame can shake off last season. Two plays in a row in the first quarter, Clausen play-faked and threw downhill. The first, to Floyd, was incomplete, but the second on the play fake: only a pass interference prevented a catch. On the next play, the sec- ondary was fooled on the play- action again, but this time they weren't so lucky. Clausen hit Golden Tate over the middle, 21-0 Irish. Two games don't define a season, nor can they reveal every strength and weakness the team has. But there was hope hidden in the mud Saturday, and should the Irish con- tinue to display that hope, they're back, and they're good.
"The rest of the world can do whatever they want to, looking at 2007, but this team is moving forward," Clausen said.
In a race to outrun the stigma of last season, which looks like 2007 is out of sight.

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Woes in Notre Dame Stadium. The first came on Oct. 4, 1930 when the Irish beat Southern Methodist 2D-14.
80 Return yards for David Bruton and Gary Gray who both had long runs following interceptions in the second half.
Rushing yards for Michigan punter Zulian Mesko. He was the team's second leading rusher.
3 Times in the past four seasons under Weis that Notre Dame has started 2-0.
Times receivers that Jimmy Clausen has con- nected with so far this season. Tate is his favorite target with 10 catches thus far.
2 Times that Weis opted to keep the offense on the field on 4th down in the second half despite a comfortable lead and being in field goal range.
Tackles in two games for Irish safety Kyle McCarthy. He had 10 against the Wolverines.
127 Receiving yards for Irish sophomore Golden Tate. Tate had catches of 60 and 48 yards in the game.
300 Wins in Notre Dame Stadium. The first came on Oct. 4, 1930 when the Irish beat Southern Methodist 2D-14.
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Bill Brink
Sports Editor
Takeaways the key to big victory

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

There's a new fad sweeping the Notre Dame football team.

Mike Anello's doing it. David Brutton's doing it. Brian Smith's doing it. No, it's not "Crank me up." It's called fumbling turnovers.

And that fad reached a fever pitch Saturday, when Michigan turned the ball over five times in a row to open the game early in the first quarter when Michigan running back Brandon Smith dropped a swing pass. Smith dove on the ball, which was thrown behind the quarterback, on the Michigan 11-yard line to give the Irish the great field position.

"It was what we preach," Brutton said. "We always talk about stripping the ball, especially in the wet conditions. It's an opportunity to get the ball.

But Notre Dame didn't need help from the rain to get its first few turnovers. Smith grabbed his first fumble of the game early in the first quarter when Michigan running back Brandon Smith dropped a swing pass. Smith dove on the ball, which was thrown behind the quarterback, on the Michigan 11-yard line to give the Irish the great field position.

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But in forcing their third turnover, the Irish continued a trend from last week's game against San Diego — causing a turnover was the key to the defensive red zone.

Down 28-17 in the third quarter, Michigan was driving down the field in the pouring rain and seemed poised to cut Notre Dame's lead of 14 points. But Brutton forced a fumble on the Notre Dame 4-yard line.

The slippery ball slid but the ones that are really discouraging early," Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said. "Turnovers will hurt you at anytime so that we did."

In Notre Dame's first win since their 38-3 victory over State last year in a 21-13 victory.

"The red zone, we claimed that as our red zone," Brutton said. "We just have to step up and make plays." But Brutton wasn't done making plays in the red zone on Saturday.

In the fourth quarter, he intercepted Michigan quarterback Nick Sheridan at the Notre Dame 5-yard line and returned it 39 yards before being horse-collared to the ground by Wolverines offensive lineman David Molk.

"Yeah, I got horse-collared by an offensive lineman," Brutton said to laughter after the game. "But don't forget, I played the whole game. I was tired." But before Brutton's pick, Brian Smith grabbed his second fumble off a mishandled snap from Wolverines quarterback Steven Threet and took it 33-yards for a touchdown.

So for good measure, cornerback Gary Gray added a late interception to get in on the party.

"Coach Weis put an emphasis before the game that this game was going to be a game of turnovers and field position...," Smith said. "As and a defense we want to set the bar that we want to get at least three or more and score." Contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu

Irish.combacker Gray leaves some Wolverines in the dust on his fourth quarter interception return. It was the first pick of his collegiate career.

Charlie follows in Brady's footsteps

By LAURA MYERS
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Irish coach Charlie Weis suffered a torn MCL and ACL during the second quarter of Saturday's game against Michigan. But the former backer John Ryan blindsided the coach after he was knocked out of bounds by a Michigan blocker.

Weis wore a brace in the second quarter and said that he would forego surgery at this point in order to return to work with his coaching duties.

"I'll show up as a coach, but the posts for the year as a player. Tommy Brady's got nothing on me," Weis said while joking with reporters at the post game press conference.

Weis then added: "I feel like an athlete for the first time in my life."

Weis said that he will hold off on any surgery for the foreseeable future so that he does not miss any time at work.

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Rain Dance

Players and fans joined together in the pouring rain Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium to celebrate a victory for the 300th time in the building. After two years of embarrassing losses to the Wolverines, Charlie Weis and his gang came ready from the get-go. Defense and special teams set things up early on and Notre Dame never looked back. Clausen stayed safe behind a solid wall of offensive linemen as he found Golden Tate and Duval Kamara for big plays in the end zone. Expectations were low following a questionable victory over San Diego State, but the Irish exceeded even Lou Holtz’s lofty prediction — who was on hand to witness the win. Holtz and his 1988 National Championship team looked on as a new era of Irish players moved to 2-0 in 2008.

-Dan Murphy

Clockwise from top left: Michael Floyd jumps on one of Saturday’s many fumbles. Senior Pat Kuntz celebrates near the student section. Duval Kamara hauls in his first touchdown of the season. David Bruton runs through a tackle during his interception return. Robert Hughes sheds tacklers as he scoots to a Notre Dame first down.
By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

I recently realized that it's been over a year since "Flight of the Conchords" first aired on HBO. In my mind, June 17, 2007, will go down as an historic day in the canon of American television, a day when "New Zealand's fourth most popular guitar-based digi-bongo a cappella-rap-funk-comedy folk duo/first hit Stateside air-waves.

They are ridiculous, quirky and wonderful, and I love them. Oh, and you should, too.

It's unlikely that these 15 months have passed without you, dear reader, at least being semi-aware of songs like "Business Time" or "Jenny." Plus, the beauty of college often lies in the obscure, pseudo-intellectual, relatively indie things we enjoy on a daily basis. With its cable status, obscure background and wordy lyric style, the show's underground status with college kids has quickly grown since it first aired.

The tragedy is that the second (and potentially final, if recent interviews with the band are to be believed) season isn't due to air until 2009. Le sigh.

Before their move to the United States, Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement had an eponymous BBC Radio series in 2005. These six episodes, with titles like "Dan & the Panda" and "Neil Finn Saves The Day!" were the precursors to the duo's future TV fame. In their earliest days, the duo played in the Melbourne Comedy Festival, the Edinburgh Fringe, and the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in 2005.

To those of you who are new to the show, Bret and Jemaine take on hip-hop with this little ditty, an exchange between the pair's rap personas - well, at least their poeticism of lines like, "I've got flows that glow like phosphorous/ Poppin' off the top of this esophagus."

"Leggy Blonde:" Murray (Rhys Darby), the somewhat self-important manager of "Flight of the Conchords" who runs the band during his menial day job, gets his day in the spotlight with this ode to the leggy blonde in his office. Note the lyric poetry of lines like, "Leggy leggy leggy leggy leggy/ blondey blondey blondey/ blondey blondey blondey/ blondey blondey blondey/ blondey blondey blondey.

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS

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A-Rod hits grand slam to propel Yankees past Rays

Maddox allows two hits in seven, Dodgers still fall after Tulowitzki’s game-winning home run in 10th

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The Rays loaded the bases as Pavano went to 2-0, and Damon Mark teared it up a bit. Girardi made a decision to start Carl Pavano, and he did not disappoint.

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Maddux said. "You never know what pitch is coming," Tulowitzki said. "There are so many fastballs in the back of your mind, and then he rarely misses his spots." Maddux was denied a win because Aaron Cook was nearly as dominant. The Rockies starter allowed eight hits over nine innings, struck out two and walked none. His most troublesome inning was the second when he allowed three hits and the Dodgers had runners on first and second with two outs. Cook worked out of the jam by getting Maddux to ground out to second.

It was the deepest Cook has pitched in a game since July 25, but he failed to notch his 17th win, which would have tied the franchise's single-season win total.

"I felt pretty comfortable out there," Cook said. "I felt like I wasn't trying to do too much, mechanically just trying to stay within myself." From the third through the seventh inning, Cook was as tough as Maddux. He allowed two singles in that stretch, but both runners were wiped out by double plays, and he faced the minimum number of batters.

"Cookie threw a good game," Maddux said. "He had his stuff going. Got a couple of double plays when he needed it. He made big pitches."
Raiders rookie running back Darren McFadden dives into the endzone for his first career touchdown in Oakland's 23-8 win over Kansas City on Sunday. McFadden was the No. 4 overall pick in April's NFL Draft.

McFadden scores first career TD in win

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Lane Kiffin does get fired by the Oakland Raiders, he might want to apply for employment in Kansas City. Amid escalating reports that Kiffin was in trouble with owner Al Davis and could be dismissed almost any time, the Raiders rushed for 300 yards Sunday and handed their harried young coach a 23-8 loss to Denver on Monday night. There had also been a public spat between Lane and defensive coordinator Rob Ryan and Kiffin's comment that Davis "doesn't keep people very long." Also with something to celebrate was kicker Sebastian Janikowski, whose three field goals included a team-record 56-yarder.

"That's not my decision whether I'll be here," said the 33-year-old Kiffin. "I'm going to prepare my staff for the game next week." Rookie Darren McFadden rushed for 164 yards to help give the Raiders a happy ending to a tumultuous week that started with a 41-14 blowout loss to Denver on Monday night. There had also been a public spat between Lane and defensive coordinator Bob Ryan and Kiffin's comment that Davis "doesn't keep people very long." Also with something to celebrate was kicker Sebastian Janikowski, whose three field goals included a team-record 56-yarder.

"Lane's going to be Lane. Bob's going to be Bob and Al's going to be Al at the end of the day," said Oakland coroerback DeAngelo Hall. "We don't have any control over what happens up there. We just come out and try to play ball." The young defense of the Chiefs gave up the third-highest total in the history of the franchise, Michael Bush, with 90 yards rushing, personally beat the 55 yards the Chiefs had as a team. In using three quarterback combinations, the Chiefs had only 65 net yards and 16 first downs, the lowest total in franchise history.

The crowd roared as the New York Yankees season opener was delayed by three hours due to rain. The teams had to wait for 2 hours and 36 minutes before the game finally started.

In Brief

Biffe opens Sprint Cup Chase with New Hampshire win

LOUDON, N.H. — Greg Biffle began the chase for the championship as a long shot. Wireless for almost a year and seeded a distant ninth in the 12-driver field, few considered him a serious contender. But "the field" never counted himself out, believing a strong run to win in the opener at New Hampshire Motor Speedway would put him in position for race for the Sprint Cup title.

Biffle used a self-described "textbook pass" on Jimmie Johnson with 12 laps to go to snap a 33-race winless streak and vault all the way to third in the Chase standings. He trudges co-leaders Johnson and Carl Edwards, his teammate at Roush Fenway Racing, by just 30 points.

Johnson finished second and said he knew Biffle might make a run on him after David Ragan and Carpenter brought out a pair of cautions with less than 20 laps to go. The two drivers were among 10 to be involved in a multi-car wreck that brought out a second caution with 15 laps to go.

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Jeter home run breaks Yankee Stadium hit record

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter hit his solo homer in the fifth inning Sunday, tying Lou Gehrig for the most career hits at Yankee Stadium.

Jeter connected against Tampa Bay's David Price for his 1,269th hit at the ballpark, which is in its final season.

The crowd roared as the New York captain rounded the bases after his opposite-field drive to right, and cheered even louder when he came out of the dugout for a curtain call.

The fans continued to chant the shortstop's name as Jason Giambi batted against Price, a highly touted prospect making his major league debut.

New York is playing its last home game at Yankee Stadium before moving into a new park across the street for next season.
MLB
Zambrano hurls no-hitter for Cubs

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Zambrano pitched the first no­-hitter for the Chicago Cubs in 36 years, returning from a recent bout of rotator cuff soreness to shut down the Houston Astros 5­0 Sunday night in a game re­­lated because of Hurricane Ike.

Zambrano stopped a Houston team that had not played since Thursday. The storm forced baseball to move two games from Texas to Miller Park, home of the Brewers, and the Astros flew hours before they took the field.

Zambrano, known for his emo­­tional displays on the mound, kept himself in control until striking out Utley in the third. The storm forced baseball to move two games from Texas to Miller Park, home of the Brewers, and the Astros flew hours before they took the field. Zambrano helped himself, too, by charging off the mound and across the first-base line to catch Hunter Pence’s foul pop for the second out in the eighth.

Zambrano began the ninth by getting Humberto Quintero to ground out on one pitch, and he was his 100th of the game. After pinch-hitter Jose Castillo also grounded out, Erstad chased a full-count pitch low-and-away for Zambrano’s first shutout since 2005.

With his jersey untucked, Zambrano paraded triumphantly through a series of interviews in front of the Cubs dugout, then waved to the still-cheering crowd as he walked down the steps. Coming into the game, Cubs manager Lou Piniella said he wanted to limit the 27-year-old Zambrano to 100 pitches in his return to the rotation — and Zambrano managed to come close even while pulling off the no-hitter. Zambrano threw 110 pitches, 77 for strikes.

The win could be yet another sign of good things to come for the NL Central-leading Cubs, whose fans have gotten used to doing more crying than cheering in September during 100 years worth of World Series frustra­tion.

The Cubs took a 77-game lead in the NL Central over the fading Brewers on Sunday with a 7-3 victory over San Diego. The Brewers fell two games back of the Brewers and Phillies, who are tied in the wild-card race. Houston had won six in a row and 14 of 15.

Zambrano didn’t allow a baserunner until he walked Michael Bourn in the fourth inning. He allowed only one more baserunner the rest of the night, hitting Pence in the back with two outs in the fifth.

Zambrano also made an offen­­sive contribution in the Cubs’ four-run third inning, singling and then chugging home from first on Lee’s double. The Cubs chased Randy Wolf (10-12) in the third, his shortest outing of the season.

It was the first complete game for Zambrano since June 16, 2007, at home against the Padres. He hadn’t thrown a shutout since April 7, 2004, a two-hitter at home against the Rockies.

Alfonso Soriano led off the game with a home run, his 28th of the year.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY
Four Belles finish in top twenty

McClowry finishes 12th, team garners fourth place overall

By KATE GRABAREK
Sport Writer

Four Belles runners fin­ished in the top-20 of Friday’s 111-person, 11-team Bradley University Open in Peoria, Ill., sending St. Mary’s to a fourth place team fin­ish with a score of 93.

Junior Megan McClowry paced the Belles effort with a 12th place finish with a time of 20:57.

Freshman Adrienne Rodriguez (15th place, 21:05), sophomore Catie Salyer (17th, 21:10), fresh­man Joanne Almond (20th, 21:19) and senior captain Caitlin Bredmerek (30th, 21:37) rounded out the scor­ing for Saint Mary’s.

“Everyone is stepping up,” Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. “We have a great group that is working hard to push each other beyond their com­­fort zone. I don’t know that any one is taking charge, rather the team is realizing their roles and their poten­­tial.”

Freshman Hanna Vicary (32nd, 21:44), sophomore Clare McVey (39th, 22:04), senior Becca Mason (43rd, 22:09), senior Aileen Miller (52nd, 22:30) and senior Caitlin Stevenson (60th, 22:53) all finished in the top-60 and broke the 23-minute mark.

“So far I believe [the girls] are handling the balance of being a student-athlete well,” Bauters said. “I believe the team and myself really try to create a supportive, positive environment for everyone to succeed in. While the first week was a little bit of a jolt back to reality, they have all continued to be 100 percent on their game at practice and from everything I hear, also in the classroom.”

Illinois-Westleyan won the meet in dominant fashion, with each of its five scorers finishing in the top-11 for a team score of 36. Monmouth College (87 points) and Lewis University (90) also finished ahead of Saint Mary’s.

Lewis’ Kathryn Hague took home the individual title with a time of 19:07, and Monmouth’s Mary Kate Beyer seconded in 19:22.

The Belles will head to Grand Rapids, Mich., on Sept. 20 to run in the Calvin Invitational.

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Bannister gets first win in three months

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Patriots quarterback Matt Cassel auditions at the line during New England’s 19-10 win over the Jets Sunday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tim Brady might not be so bad for New England after all.

Matt Cassel was efficient running the offense in his first NFL start, taking over for the injured quarterback and leading the Patriots over Brett Favre and the New York Jets 19-10 Sunday.

“I thought Matt did a good job,” coach Bill Belichick said. “It wasn’t perfect. We had some rough spots. He did a good job of making decisions. He didn’t put us in any bad situations and made some good positive plays. I thought he managed the game well.”

Cassell, who hadn’t started at any level since his senior year of high school, was 16-for-23 for 165 yards. Sammy Morris ran for a touchdown and Stephen Gostkowski kicked four field goals.

“At the end of the day, you’ve got to be more successful than the other team and that’s what we did, so I’m satisfied,” Cassell said. “I didn’t have too many butterflies going out. I’ve been in the system for four years, so I’m comfortable with it.”

The Jets, slight favorites going in, had their hands full against Cassell. Joe Moore said New England was still the team to beat even without Brady for 28 yards. Three plays later, Cassell passed to his left knee against Kansas in his first NFL start, taking over for a 27- yard touchdown field goal to make it 19-10 as the Patriots picked 5 minutes off the clock.

“We cut it to six and it was a chance for us to give them the ball back right away and give them a chance to go score, but we didn’t put it done,” said Woodson.

The Jets went three-and-out on their next possession, and the Patriots ran out the clock to seal it.

“They kept it simple,” Rhoads said. “They didn’t want Cassell to lose the game, so they did a lot of screens and safe passes. They tried to keep it safe for him.”

The Jets had their opening 11-play drive end with Jay Feely, filling in for the injured Mike Nugent, missing a 31-yard field goal attempt. Cassell then led the Patriots on a 12-play drive, capped by Gostkowski’s 21-yard field goal.

Gostkowski’s 37-yarder gave the Patriots a 6-0 lead.

The Jets posted an impressive drive that featured a vintage play by Favre. The veteran quarterback scrambled on third-and-9 from their 21, stepped up and threw across his body, rolling Gomes down the right sideline for 54 yards. A zigzagging 11-yard run by Leon Washington got the ball to the 3, but the Jets gave the ball to Jones three times for 1 and minus-2 yards. They had to settle for a 21-yard field goal by Feely.

Gostkowski added a 28-yard field goal after New England’s opening touchdown, and Morris capped the scoring with a 1-yard touchdown to make it 19-10.

“With Tom, this is a great opportunity for us. We’ve played against the best in the world and we can do it,” Kerly Rhodes said. "I know I can run with them a chance to go score, but we didn’t put it done," Brown said. "There were far more positives to that match than negatives, but certainly we were disappointed we didn’t come up with the win."

In the final matchup of the three-game stretch (8-1), the Irish never seemed to minimize the shot total and scoring chances of our opponents ...”

Waldrum said. "Tonight I was really pleased with our ability to do that. We didn’t give them any opportunities until we made some substitutions."

Waldrum praised junior Halsey Ford and sophomore Stephanie Soto as offensive players who played a big part in the shutout.

Junior Courtney Middleton opened the scoring for the Mustangs with a 63-yard run on the Irish win with a chip into the right corner of the net from 45 yards away.

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DENVER — The Denver Broncos were on such a lucky streak, why not roll the dice?

Showing ultimate confidence in his offense and maybe an equal dollop of distrust in his defense, Mike Shanahan went for the 2-point conversion with 29 seconds left and Jay Cutler hit rookie Eddie Royal over the middle to give the Denver Broncos a 39-38 win over San Diego on Sunday.

"Sometimes you have to go with your gut," Shanahan said. "I just felt like it was a chance for us to put them away. I didn't want to count on the coin flip. I wanted to do it then, and obviously it worked out."

It was the third successful 2-point attempt from a team going for the win instead of a tie in the waning seconds of a game since the 2-point conversion was added in 1994, and the first since Tampa Bay beat Washington 36-35 on Mike Alstott's run on Nov. 13, 2005.

The Chargers (0-2) were both stunned and steamed at their second straight loss in the waning seconds.

The Broncos (2-0) had the ball because an errant whistle had erased Cutler's lost fumble two plays earlier.

Trailing 38-31, the Broncos reached the 1 but on second-and-goal, Cutler reared back to throw and the ball slipped out of his hands, bounced off the grass and into linebacker Tim Dobbins' arms.

"Fumble, I think," acknowledged Cutler, who blamed the slick, new ball.

Referee Ed Hochuli blew his whistle when the ball came out, ruling it an incomplete pass. A review showed that it should have been ruled a fumble. Instant replay rules, however, don't allow the opponent to gain possession in such situations.

"All we can do to fix it is put the ball at the spot that it hit the ground, which is why we moved it back to the 10-yard line and the down counts and it becomes third down," Hochuli said afterward.

That explanation wasn't good enough for Chargers coach Norv Turner.

"On the last play, it was clearly a fumble," Turner fumed. "Ed came over, the official, and said he blew it. And that's not acceptable to me. This is a high-level performance game and that's not acceptable to have a game decided on that play."

The call the Broncos wanted to talk about wasn't the referee's but their coach's.

"You don't play this game to tie," fullback Michael Pittman said. "You play this game to win."
**ND Women's Soccer**

Into the history books

Senior forward Kerri Hanks earns 60th career assist to become sixth player ever with 60 goals, 60 assists

By FRAN TOLAN
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Freshman forward Melissa Henderson scored twice in No. 2 Notre Dame's 5-0 home win over SMU Friday, but it was senior Kerri Hanks' night.

Hanks notched her 60th career assist when her cross into the box found Henderson, who put it home in the 54th minute to make Hanks just the sixth player in NCAA history to have 60 goals and 60 assists in a career.

"We're so proud of everything Kerri has been able to accomplish in her career and what she's meant to our program," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said to und.com. "Her initials are all over the school and NCAA record books, and we were absolutely ecstatic that she was able to hit this milestone in front of our home fans."

Hanks joins two Irish players — Jenny Streiffer (70 goals, 71 assists from 1996-99) and Cindy Daws (61 goals, 67 assists from 1993-96) — in the exclusive 60-60 club.

"It was good that [Hanks] got the assist and got it off her back," Waldrum said. "I'm sure now she'll be aiming for 70-70. It also says a lot that the assist that put Kerri over the top went to Melissa Henderson, who has a really bright future in her own right."

Henderson's second goal may not have been as historic as her first, but it wasn't any less impressive. Just six minutes after her first tally, Henderson sent a rocket off the crossbar and into the goal to seal a game that highlighted the depth on the Irish roster.

"The two goals didn't have anything to do with me," a humble Henderson said. "Both times my teammates made great plays and I was just in the right place at the right time."

Waldrum, however, didn't hesitate to praise one of his program's rising stars.

"She had a great night tonight and she's going to be a see MUSTANGS/page 16

**SMC Soccer**

Previously winless Belles run table to win tournament

By MIKE GOTTIMER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's entered this weekend's Sal Vaccaro Tournament at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., without a win.

The Belles (1-3-1) left as tournament champions after a 2-0 victory over Mount Mercy College Saturday and a 1-1 (4:20) shootout thriller over host North Central Sunday to take home the title.

The Belles got on the board first Saturday when senior co-captain Lauren Ruskin found the back of the net in the 24th minute. Freshman Julie Duffy made the Saint Mary's lead to 2-0 goal 10 minutes into the second half.

Junior goalkeeper Patty Duffy played the entire game, and her two saves helped earn Saint Mary's its first win of the season.

The Belles scored first in the rainy game against the best Cardinals on a free kick as junior co-captain Bridget Ronayne scored her first goal of the season. Saint Mary's took a 1-0 lead into halftime, but North Central tied the game 1-1 on a free kick of their own in the 65th minute.

For a moment, it appeared as if the Belles would take a 2-1 lead in the second half, but what would have been the game-winning goal was disallowed.

The 1-1 tie forced overtime, and neither team got a shot off in the first overtime. In the second overtime and the shootout, Duffy took over and recorded three of her seven saves in the two periods.

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The Belles return to the field for their home opener on Wednesday against Hope College in a non-conference game.

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**ND Women's Volleyball**

ND loses to 3 top-25 teams

By SAM WERNER
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Notre Dame went toe-to-toe with three top-25 teams in as many days at the Diet Coke Classic in Minneapolis, but the Irish came up short against No. 16 Cal Poly, No. 4 Cal and No. 11 Minnesota.

"We do believe that we can play with anybody in the country," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "The problem we're facing right now is that we're just entirely too inconsistent and a little too error-prone."


Central defeated the Irish in the 54th minute. Freshman Julie Hamilton increased the Saint Mary's lead to 2-0 goal 10 minutes into the second half.

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**ND Women's Golf**

Irish tied for eighth after one round in S.C.

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame opened its season with a 9-over-par team score of 297, good for an eighth place tie after one round at the Cougar Classic in Hanahan, S.C., at the Yeaman Hall Golf Club.

Senior Lisa Maunu and freshman Becca Huffler led the Irish by each carding a one-over 73, placing them in a tie for 18th place as individuals.

Georgia's Mallory Hetzel and Virginia's Whitney Neuhauer each shot four-under 68s to take the first-round lead. Georgia and Virginia top the team leaderboards as well after even-par 190s.

Junior Annie Brophy, along with Maunu and Huffler, scored three birdies on the day, placing her in 87th place with a three-over 75.

Junior Kristin Weitzel shot a four-over 76, good for 53rd, and sophomore Su-Iyun Park's eight-over 80 placed her in 87th to round out Notre Dame's round-one competitors.

The event's 22-team field includes five top-25 teams. Four other teams, including the Irish, received votes in the Golf World/NGCA preseason Coaches' Poll.

The second round begins today at 7:40 a.m., and the third and final round will begin Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.