**ND develops strategies to achieve sustainability**

“Going Green” encouraged by a variety of factors

By JOHN TIERNEY and AARON STEINER
News Writers

Editor’s Note: This is the third installment of a multi-part series examining sustainability at Notre Dame.

To make the goal of sustainability a reality for Notre Dame, the University must pay careful attention to both economic and environmental factors, according to the Director of the Office of Sustainability Jim Mazurek.

“We want to balance environmental and economic parts as well as the short-term and long-term goals of the University,” Mazurek said.

According to Mazurek, the campaign for sustainable energy is not solely an environmental movement. He said the University’s motivations for reducing carbon emissions also lie in its desire for cost savings.

ND has made improving energy generation and consumption a top priority. Its power plant, shown above, generated 52 percent of the electricity used on campus during 2007-08.

**Endowment valued at over $7 billion in 2008**

Notre Dame has 5.8 percent return for previous fiscal year; Malpass predicts “tough year” ahead

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

The Notre Dame endowment pool brought in a 5.8 percent return for the last fiscal year, but Vice President and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said a "tough year" lies ahead, given the country's current economic problems.

The endowment pool grew to just over $7 billion by the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Malpass said Thursday Notre Dame exceeded its benchmark return of up 0.8 percent. Malpass said, in a year when other indexes, including the S&P 500 and Dow Jones, were down in the same time frame.

"It just goes to show you what a tough year it was in the market," Malpass said. "For us to be up anything is a great year given what happened."

The Observer reported last year that the Notre Dame endowment was $6.54 billion, up from $5.08 billion the year before.

Malpass credited the University’s positive rate of return this year with its diversified portfolio, which is risk controlled and invests almost half its funds in non-U.S. dollar assets. Malpass also praised his core investment team – 15 Notre Dame graduates – and 170 investment partners spread across the entire endowment portfolio with achieving a positive return in a "tough environment."

But Malpass said he was "downplaying expectations" for next year’s return.

"I think it's going to be a tough year," he said. "I don’t know how it will end up, but I think it will be a tough year. If we are positive again this year, I think it will be a minor miracle."

The current uncertainty in the financial markets — from the problems stemming from the subprime mortgage crisis to the bankruptcy declared last week — is expected to continue to affect the University’s financial returns.

**Grotto groundskeeper retires at 75**

By JOHN PAUL WITT
News Writer

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is a meaningful place for many people at Notre Dame, but perhaps for none more than Norbert Wiskotoni, Norbert, or "Norbo" as his friends call him, retired last month as groundskeeper for the Grotto, a position he held for the past 14 years.

"I loved working there at the Grotto. That’s why I stayed there so long. That was the best job I ever had," Wiskotoni, 75, said.

Wiskotoni’s favorite part about the Grotto was the people, especially the couples that proposed there.

**Students hope for third home victory**

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Many optimistic Notre Dame students view Saturday’s game against the Purdue Boilermakers as a chance for the Irish to prove their doubters wrong after last week’s disappointing 23-7 loss to Michigan State.

In their last game, Purdue pulled off a 32-25 comeback victory over Central Michigan.

"I’m excited," sophomore Emily Murphy said. "I feel like this is a chance to redeem ourselves.

West Lafayette, Ind., home of Purdue’s campus, is only a short distance from Notre Dame. A large number of Boiler fans are expected to be present on campus this weekend, which kicks off at 3:30 p.m.

"The two schools are only two and a half hours apart, which definitely feeds into the rivalry," junior Justin Wiskotoni, our Lady of Lourdes where he has worked for the past 14 years.
INSIDE COLUMN

Stadium needs color

Last night I settled in to kick off the weekend by watching the USC vs. Oregon State game. In the first five minutes of the game, Oregon State already had put up a touchdown. But it was more impressive with the Beavers in the stands than the Beavers on the field. As ESPN's cameras panned through the crowd I could see nothing but orange. The overhead shots were just as impressive, it looked like it could've been a game in Tennessee.

Every Saturday before game day, green and yellow stadiums that lie dormant six days a week are painted by loyal fans who shuffle in all wearing their team's colors. The Horseshoe turns bright red, Colorado blacks out the Rockies, practically the entire state of Pennsylvania shows up in their White T's to cheer for their Nittany Lions.

Not to say that Notre Dame Stadium isn't one of the best places on Earth, but let's be honest the crowd could use a little bit of work. Our bland neutrality puts us in that group that wear them — don't do much to stand out among the rest of the college colors strewn about the stadium.

Every week at the pep rallies we listen to Charlie Weis tell the students that we aren't intimidating, we're too friendly, and we're nowhere near loud enough.

Ever since The Shirt committee opted to get rid of the traditional green in favor of a mustard yellow four years ago, the student section has been underwhelming at Notre Dame Stadium.

It's time to make a change. It's time to show some Irish pride.

This isn't going to be easy and it may take a few weeks to really see the results, but keep the faith and you won't be disappointed.

Here's my proposal:

If you are in section 33 or 34 show up Saturday afternoon wearing an orange shirt, or the closest thing to orange you can find in your wardrobe. Knot it, we're going to need your help here. Hopefully that fresh man enthusiasm will be enough to make it happen.

Sections 31 and 32, you are responsible for getting up in white. This shouldn't be too tough, most of the students at the dorms have just woken up shirtless now that South Bend has taken care of whatever tan you picked up over the summer. If not, grab a white t-shirt and throw it on.

Find a group of 30 or lower and it's time to pull out those old school green jerseys from the Tj Williamson era. If you've been at this school for three years and still don't have a green shirt, you are doing something wrong.

Now you're in! It's time to make this page really stand out.

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On Sunday night completely exhausted and flipping on SportsCenter to catch up on the scores from around the country. Imagine watching Michael Floyd running into the end zone with the backdrop of a 10,000 person, student-made Irish flag painting the corner of Notre Dame Stadium. It's time to show our Irish pride.

Make sure to spread the word!

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dan Murphy at dmurphy6@nd.edu
At the Notre Dame World Heath Forum in 2006, University President Fr. John Jenkins announced the creation of the Millennium Development Initiative, which would encourage Notre Dame students to become more involved in developing economies in Africa. Two years later, what originally started as an initiative housed within the Office of the President has grown to the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity—a comprehensive academic institution which focuses on human development that was inaugurated Thursday.

"The Millennium Development Initiative was a great project with a lot of potential, but it wasn’t an academic part of the University," assistant director of the Ford Program Tim Lyden said. "We were limited by our status as an initiative.

World-renowned economist Kathy Ford, who recently published a new book titled "The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Nations Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It," also spoke at the inauguration and praised the new program.

"The Ford Family Program offers the alliance between philanthropy and youth, and that is the alliance where the world is going to change the world," he said.

A new addition to the Kellogg Institute, the Ford Family Program "seeks to build a transatlantic and interdisciplinary alliance of scholars, public servants, conscientious citizens and institutional partners to address critical challenges confronted by those living in extreme poverty, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa," according to the program’s brochure.

Director of the Kellogg Institute Ted Beatty said he welcomed the new program into the Institute because it was shared in the common goal of promoting research that had a positive impact on the lives of others.

"A primary reason (the Ford Program became a part of Kellogg) is it fits exactly with our long standing mission of promoting social science research," Beatty said.

Director of the Ford Family Program Fr. Robert Dowd said he had three main goals—teaching about extreme poverty, researching those conditions and engaging members of those communities.

"The very basic goal of the Ford Program is to realize Notre Dame’s mission, and it is channeling the incredible power of the human mind towards the promoting the common good," he said. "More specifically, the Ford Program is devoted to, first of all, expanding and enhancing the opportunities that Notre Dame students have to study development in the classroom.

The efforts in the classroom will include the hiring of new faculty members and the initiation of a new interdisciplinary minor in international development studies.

"The new courses" could fall into any major, but what we would like to do is explore the possibility of introducing an interdisciplinary minor in international development studies," Dowd said.

Currently, the Ford Family Program is building on the relationships previously developed by the Millennium Development Initiative in the Ugandan towns of Ruhiira, a cluster of eight villages, and Nnindye, a collection of 12 villages located 10 miles west of Kampala. Ruhiira is the country’s premier Catholic university.

"Uganda is an incredible country," Ford Family Program founder and member of the University Board of Trustees W. Douglas Ford said. Ford, along with his wife Kathy and son Matt, visited the country with Dowd in the early summer of 2007. "The thing that struck us most was that you have these people who have some American standards, are living very modestly to say the least, and you have the joy of benefiting the people out of all this," Kathy Ford said.

Ford said the family was looking to start a social justice program at Notre Dame some time, and after visiting Uganda with Dowd, she and her husband decided to found the program.

"Being in Uganda was really almost shocking. The needs were enormous, but so was the spirit of the people, willing to work with the (Catholic) Church and find ways within themselves to improve the lives that they’re living. We have a lot of confidence in this program," she said.

Dowd said the Congregation of the Holy Cross has been involved with Uganda since 1958, making it the choice for the starting point for the Ford Program. Eventually, he said, he would like to see the program expand beyond Uganda and possibly onto other continents.

"As we spin the globe and just point to Uganda, we are involved with Uganda because we have strong ties there dating back to 1958," he said.

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"At the grassroots level," Angola-native Guerra Freitas, who is the director of the philanthropic group Share Circle, which is currently working to find Angolans Central Highlands University, agreed with Dowd’s point of view. Freitas said one of the best agents for change was education.

"I like this philosophy of helping Africans help themselves, and one of the best ways to really do that is through education," he said.

"You need to empower Africans to take up the destiny of their own country in their own hands," Collier echoed this point in his lecture, arguing Africans themselves must be the agents for change.

"Our role is to help them in their struggle, not do it for them. ... We can make a difference, but to an extent," he said. "If we over-glamorize our role, we will fail."

Collier also said America and Europe each must change its policies towards Africa, which have helped destroy the country, and called for a plan to help rebuild Africa similar to the Marshall Plan used to rebuild Europe after World War II.

"Improper behaviors that have to be recognized as such and stop," he said.

Collier called on Notre Dame students to help create the political pressure necessary to force politicians into action.

"Until we get a more sophisticated citizenry, politicians will never be pressured," he said.

Last year, five Notre Dame students visited Uganda to do research on aspects of everyday life in the country, such as the poor quality of the drinking water, and described their experiences in a video shown at the ceremony.

The enthusiasm of students at Notre Dame was the chief reason the Fords wanted to endow a program at the University, Matt Ford said.

"I can’t imagine too many other places where a program like this would be as welcomed as at Notre Dame, simply because of the student body," he said.

Lyden said this type of hands-on research would be a critical component of the Ford Program, and students will be able to apply for internships in Africa with the Ford Program through the Kellogg Institute.

"We want to conduct and promote serious research that will have a positive impact on people suffering in the developing world. It is research that deals with real problems," Lyden said.

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STUDENTS:
JOIN THE CONVERSATION

We invite you to participate in a residence hall discussion on the topic of Sustainable Energy. See below for dates, times, and locations. All are welcome.

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International News

Pakistani troops fire at US helicopters, military says
KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghan forces fired at American reconnaissance helicopters near the Afghan-Pakistan border Thursday, and ground troops then exchanged fire, the U.S. military said.

No casualties were reported, but the incident heightened tensions as the U.S. steps up cross-border operations in a volatile region known as a haven for Taliban and al-Qaida militants.

Two American OH-58 reconnaissance helicopters, known as Kiowas, were on a routine noon patrol in the eastern province of Khost when they received small-arms fire from a Pakistani border post, said Tech Sgt. Kevin Wallace, a U.S. military spokesman. There was no damage to aircraft or crew, officials said.

Shooting triggers fear of copycat crime

KABUL, Afghanistan - Pakistani school students in Afghanistan on Thursday as threatening text messages and Internet postings raised fears of new attacks on Americans and civilians.

Warning children and parents urged to avoid a repeat of Tuesday's shooting, in which a 22-year-old gunman killed 10 people and himself at a vocational school in this town in western Afghanistan, kindergartners are considered an essential service, providing universal day care for children between ages 2 and 7 for parents who are typically forced to work to make ends meet.

It was the second school shooting in the country in less than a year. Last November, an 18-year-old man fatally shot eight people and himself at a high school in southern Finland.

National News

Ike delays space shuttle launch
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is delaying next month's shuttle launch to the Hubble Space Telescope because of problems stemming from Hurricane Ike and replacement parts for the observatory.

Space shuttle Atlantis is now set to blast off late at night on Oct. 14 for the last visit to the orbiting telescope, officials said Wednesday. Liftoff had been scheduled for the wee hours of Oct. 10, technically making this a five-day postponement.

Senior managers will reassess the launch date next.

Atlantis' seven astronauts, who wrapped up a practice countdown at the launching site Wednesday, officials said Wednesday, Lliftof had been scheduled for the wee hours of Oct. 10, technically making this a five-day postponement.

Lawmakers receive free gasoline cards
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California lawmakers enjoy a perk not available to their colleagues in any other state: unchecked use of gasoline charge cards that stick taxpayers with the bill.

Through the first seven months of the year, California taxpayers have spent $220,000 to pay for lawmakers' gasoline, according to a review of records requested by The Associated Press. That includes July, when lawmakers already were past their deadline to approve a budget and the state faced a $13.2 billion deficit.

Friend, Ronald Goldman.

Local News

Man reunited with stolen legs
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A pair of prosthetic legs were to be returned to a 68-year-old man after he reported them lost in a car park.

Joseph Kopinski got a call late Wednesday night from a security guard at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where he has been physical therapy, saying someone had turned the legs in recently.

A police investigation found that someone had spit them in the parking lot and gave her the prosthetic legs, hospital spokesman Mike Nink said.

"I'm still in shock at the whole thing," Kopinski said. The South Bend Tribune for a Thursday story.

CANADA

Man found guilty of terrorist plot

BRAMPTON, Ontario — A Canadian man accused of preparing to commit military exercises and firearms training as part of a group allegedly bent on overthrusting the Parliament and behead the prime minister was found guilty Thursday.

The judge in the case says the plot was a "jihadi fantasy" and that his client knew nothing about a terrorist plot in Canada since the country enacted anti-terrorism laws in 2001.

The arrests of the 18 group members, known as the "Toronto 18," made headlines around the world and heightened fears in Canada, where people believe they are relatively immune from terrorist strikes.

Prosecutors said there were plans to use truck-bomb nuclear power plants and a building belonging Canada's spy service.

Seven of those arrested have since had their charges either withdrawn, or stayed. The trials of 10 adults, including the alleged ringleaders, have yet to begin. The young man was the first to go on trial.

Superior Court Justice John Sproul found the man guilty of knowingly participating in a terrorist group. As the 94-page judgment was handed down, the defendant's mother wept quietly in the back of the court.

The man has not been identified because he was 17, a legal minor, when he was arrested in 2006. He is now 20.

Prosecutors argued he attended a training camp where he participated in military exercises and firearms training and that he knowingly participated in a potentially deadly conspiracy. He had pleaded not guilty to terrorism-related charges.

Sprout rejected the defense argument that the plot was a "jihadi fantasy" that the defendant knew nothing about.

"He clearly understood the camp was for

CEOs escape crisis with millions

Heads of leading banks leave before financial crisis, take away millions in severance.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a Wall Street bailout looming that will almost certainly limit CEO pay, some of the poster boys of the financial crisis have breathed a sigh of relief, been doled the some, taking millions of dollars in severance packages with them.

Stanley O'Neal walked away from Merrill Lynch with a package now worth about $66 million. Less than a year later, the storied investment house was forced into a takeover by Bank of America.

Ken Thompson was ousted from Wachovia in June with a "golden parachute" now worth more than $5 million, and Chuck Prince was forced out at Citigroup with a payout now valued at $16 million.

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Under Prince's watch, Citigroup built up its exposure to mortgage and consumer credit markets, and he was paid handsomely for the effort.

In his last fiscal year at the helm, his total pay package was nearly $25 million, according to an Associated Press CEO pay formula.

Responding to a request for comment by the AP, Citigroup spokesman Michael J. Hanretta said the "provisions of Mr. Prince's severance agreement reflected his contributions to the company over 20 years as well as retirement benefits and prior equity awards to which he was legal­ly entitled."

The CEOs and the former employers of the other execu­tives either declined to comment or did not return tele­phone messages.

At Merrill Lynch, O'Neal's pay package for his final year as a CEO was $46.4 million, according to AP figures. He was forced out in October 2007 following the investment bank's disclosure of $7.9 billion in unexpected losses relat­ed to the credit market tur­moil.

His severance package of stock, options and retirement benefits built up over a 21-year career was valued at the time at $161 million. The mar­ket's collapse since then has driven the value down to about $66.5 million.
Dorms hold sustainability contest

Students come together to reduce energy consumption in residence halls

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Notre Dame students who team up to reduce energy consumption in their dorms will be competing in this year’s "Dorm Energy Competition," a campaign that is also designed to save money for students. The contest pairs students living in residence halls against each other. The halls that win are rewarded with movies, food, or other prizes. The contest is sponsored by the university’s sustainability office and the Office of Student Life.

According to Morris McSweeney, coordinator for the Office of Student Life, the contest is an opportunity for students to work together to reduce energy consumption in residence halls. The contest is expected to save money for students and help the university reach its sustainability goals.

"The goal of the contest is to encourage students to participate in the university’s sustainability efforts," said McSweeney. "We hope that by participating in the contest, students will learn more about sustainability and how they can make a difference in their daily lives."

The contest is open to all residence halls on campus, and students can participate in the contest by setting goals for their hall and engaging in sustainable practices. The contest will run from September 1 to December 31.

In addition to the prize incentives, students who participate in the contest will be able to track their progress and see how their hall compares to others on campus. The contest is open to all students who live in residence halls on campus.

"The contest is a fun way for students to learn about sustainability and make a positive impact on our campus," said McSweeney. "We hope that students will enjoy participating in the contest and that they will continue to make sustainable choices in their daily lives."
$700 billion rescue plan effort stalls

Despite news of a deal, progress to create rescue plan appears to have halted

WASHINGTON — Urgent efforts to hash out a $700 billion rescue plan for the national economy appeared to be in disarray Thursday night, hours after key lawmakers had declared they had reached a deal.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke sped to Capitol Hill to try to revive or rework the proposal that President Bush said must be quickly approved by Congress to stave off an economic disaster.

But conservatives were still in revolt, balking at the astonishing price tag of the proposal and the hand of government that it would place on private markets.

Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, emerged from the White House meeting to say the announced agreement “is obviously no agreement.”

The group of House GOP lawmakers circulated an alternative that would put much less focus on a government takeover of failing institutions’ sour assets. This proposal would have the government provide insurance to companies that agree to hold frozen assets, rather than have the U.S. purchase the assets.

Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., said the idea would be to remove the burden of the bailout from taxpayers and place it, over time, on Wall Street instead. The price tag of the administration’s plan to bail out tottering financial institutions — and the federal intrusion into private business matters — have been major sticking points for many Republican lawmakers.

There is wide agreement the U.S. economy is in peril, with financial institutions going under or near the edge and recession looming along with the resulting layoffs and increased home foreclosures.

There had been hopes for broad agreement, too, on a prescription by now, with a confident White House announcement by the president, McCain, Obama and congressional leaders. But the top Republican leader Mitch McConnell would say afterward, “It’s clear that more progress is needed and we must continue to work together quickly to protect our economy.”

In Brief

Lawyer Stevens clueless about cost

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are far more strategic than to base to their policy on "doing things because they're environmentally friendly."

GreenND president Lourdes Long agrees that the Office of Sustainability, where she serves as a student intern, needs to make sure that they balance the checkbook with their concern for the environment. "There's a tension, but there needs to be an awareness," Long said.

She stressed the overlap between the two concerns — economic and environmental — of sustainable policies. "You can make a financial argument for a lot of these investments," she said. "The payback is staggering."

Georges Enderle, a professor of Business Ethics, says that being on the right side of moral issues often coincides with making a profit when it comes to sustainability. He pointed to General Electric Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Immelt's comment at Wednesday's Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy, a GE division focused on developing green technologies, with two reasons — an expectation of profitability and because "it's the right thing to do."

"You need to argue on both sides," Enderle said. University Vice President of Business Operations Jim Lyphout said that whichever motivation for sustainability might be cited, the financial and environmental benefits come hand-in-hand.

"I don't think they're mutually exclusive," he said. "Because you do it for one reason doesn't mean you can't do it for the other."

Lyphout added that however one might justify the move towards sustainability, the University has an ethical obligation to act in environmentally friendly ways. "We have a moral and an ethical reason to conserve our resources," he said, regardless if it is done for economic or environmental reasons.

Theology Professor Margaret Neill said Notre Dame's obligations are also influenced by the University's unique Catholic character. "I think a commitment to sustainable living flows from the whole Catholic social tradition," she said, noting that the tension between economic and environmental motives is also affected by Notre Dame's Catholic mission.

"Moving the University toward greater environmental sustainability may make good economic sense, but as a Catholic university, we can offer a much deeper moral and theological rationale for a 'green' ND," she said.

The one piece of rationale that rejects the notion that Notre Dame is moving to sustainability purely based on improving its image.

"It's a valid point," he said of the criticism, but he pointed to the quantifiable goals his office has set, and added that the University intends to be completely transparent about achieving those goals.

Lyphout conceded that he was a bit "surprised" at how eager University officials were to being so transparent, which should go a long way toward getting their actions are not motivated by improving Notre Dame's image, he said. "It's important to be transparent along the way, even about missteps and negative things," he said. "If we have a dip in recycling, because it's February and people aren't recycling as much, we're going to be transparent about it."

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Chairman said. "We need to stop giving the ball away so much."

Young said. Bartkus said that the game will be close. "The game's basically a toss up," he said. "Purdue might be slightly better, but Notre Dame has the home field advantage. It should definitely be a great game."

Junior Adjoa Andoh also said that Saturday's matchup will be a close one, but predicted that a desire to rebound from last week's loss will give the Irish an edge.

"I think that it's definitely going to be a fight to the end," Andoh said. "But with the team being back home and wanting to prove themselves again, they will pull it out in the fourth quarter."

Junior Sara Seidler is looking forward to the pep rally and the game, and said that it will be a factor in the excitement level on campus this weekend.

"Hopefully the pep rally will make the team and the students forget last week and get fired up for tomorrow," Seidler said. "We have a good chance to win if everyone is pumped up and cheering a lot on Saturday."

Today's pep rally will be held in the Joyce Center at 6 p.m.

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are many difficult decisions to be made.

"Should we build another building, or should we make another building energy efficient?" It’s so wasteful to build a whole new building when ... the heating systems in a lot of the old dorms are so inefficient," she said.

Sustainability is about much more than choosing between economics and the environment, according to Universitv President John I. Ryan.

"It’s about not being wasteful," she said. "That’s reusing coffee mugs, using reusable Grab-and-Go bags.

"It means realizing how your role, however insignificant, does play a part in the larger environment."

"Students can realize their role by taking the small steps," Jennings said.

"Every student should have the goal of taking out their recycling more often than their trash can," she said. "It’s really the small changes — I can bike to Frick. I can walk to McElroy. Since the Trampe’s free, why do I have to drive to the mall?"

Jennings urged students to see the economic impact in their own lives of taking three small steps. "You can see the economic and environmental goals become one and the same," she said. "Transpo’s free and you save on gas, so why not take the bus?"

For the Notre Dame community, sustainability relates to the University’s emphasis on "tradition," according to President Lourdes Long. "The goal is to sustain the University for as long as it’s been in existence," she said.

"We can think about it in terms of our kids, our grandkids going here," she said. "We can think about a University that has enough money to pay for their scholarships.

According to Jennings, taking action on behalf of the environment is about thinking in a new way. "The neat thing about the environmental movement is that it doesn’t take much more than a changed mindset," she said.

Such a need for a changed mindset was echoed by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter in his closing remarks at the forum Wednesday.

"We have to think differently," he said. For the University, despite Wednesday’s announcement of a B-grade for sustainability after earning a D-two years ago, there are still more steps to take, according to Georug Enderle, a professor of Business Ethics.

"I think there is still room for improvement," he said. "We have to do better to increase the amount of locally sourced food from 26 percent to 40 percent in 2007.

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New mayor shuts down crime lab

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit police crime lab was shut down by the city's new mayor and police chief after an outside audit found errors in some evidence used to prosecute cases involving murder and other crimes, officials said Thursday.

Wrongful convictions are a possibility, according to the audit, conducted by the Michigan State Police. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy also noted that some criminals may have gone uncharged because of the lab's shortcomings.

"We have no idea how many people are walking around that have committed crimes that we don't know about," said Worthy, who blamed the problems on human error, as well as a lack of funding, resources and training.

The audit found erroneous or false findings in more than 200 random cases and subpar quality control compliance at the lab, Worthy said.

The report revealed a "shocking level of incompetency" in the lab and constitutes a systemic problem, she said at a news conference. When it came to recognized work standards, the lab met only 42 percent of a required 100 percent, Worthy said.

Mayor Ken Cockrell Jr. and Police Chief James Barren made the decision to shut down the Detroit lab and use the state police lab for all Detroit criminal investigations. The lab commander was also relieved of duty, Barren said.
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India looks to do business with U.S.

Associated Press

MUMBAI — Indian nuclear energy officials say they would like to do business with GE and other U.S. firms. But if they can't, there's always France and Russia.

Even as a landmark U.S.-India nuclear accord hangs in limbo in the U.S. Congress, the global gates of nuclear trade with India are now open.

Whether or not U.S. companies get the go-ahead to sell nuclear fuel and technology to India, the country's nuclear officials are confident they will get their uranium.

"If a deal with Congress doesn't happen, we will have business with other countries. So simple," said SK Malhotra, a spokesman for India's Department of Atomic Energy.

India reached nuclear trade agreements with Russia and France in January, though the government has held out on implementing them until a U.S. deal goes forward, said Shriyam Kumar Jain, chairman of India's state-run Nuclear Power Corp. Ltd., which runs all 17 of the nation's nuclear reactors.

The agreement before Congress would overturn three decades of U.S. policy allowing India to sell nuclear fuel, but even though India has not signed a global treaty against the spread of nuclear weapons. The deal enjoys broad political support among leaders of both American political parties but, with other priorities on law makers' plates, there's no certainty it will get the nod before Congress adjourns this month and ahead of November elections. What would happen then is unclear.

Meeting Thursday in Washington, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and U.S. President George W. Bush expressed hope that Congress will approve the agreement.

Singh was to go on to France, where he was expected to ink India's nuclear deal with that country.

American companies worry they could be shut out of the Indian market. General Electric Co. helped build India's first nuclear reactor starting in the 1960s, and GE would love to rekindle that relationship.

"It's a $30 billion-plus market in India. There's a huge opportunity for a company like GE," said Kishore Jayaraman, regional head of GE operations in India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. "We have been pushing for it for years."

Today, India gets just 3 percent of its energy from 4,100 megawatts — from nuclear power. By 2032 the government plans to quadruple that to generating capacity, to 700 gigawatts, with nuclear accounting for 62,000 megawatts.

That adds up to about 40 new nuclear reactors, worth some $80 billion, according to Jain.

A key limiting factor on India's nuclear expansion has been access to uranium.

Despite an aggressive hunt in basins, thrusts, and folds across the country, known domestic deposits will support only 10,000 megawatts of nuclear capacity.

"All reactors are going to be supplied from foreign vendors and tied to fuel supply agreements," Jain said.

Previously, India was largely unable to buy nuclear fuel and technology from abroad, because of its refusal to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and its testing of atomic weapons.

On Sept. 6, under heavy lobbying by the United States, the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group made a historic exception for India. That opens the door for nuclear sales to India — but, in the U.S. case, Congress must approve.

Jain says Nuclear Power Corp. has plans to finalize contracts with GE, Westinghouse Electric Co., France's Areva group, and Russia's Rosatom State Nuclear Energy Corp., to build a first round of eight reactors starting in 2009.

The government, he added, plans to take a 30 percent equity stake in the new reactors, and allow power to raise the rest.

Rosatom is already helping India build two nuclear reactors, under an agreement that predates India joining the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

Arvja has been active in pursuing business overseas. Last month Lavarjeeon joined French nuclear group Areva on his January state visit, according to three Indian officials.

If the deal doesn't go through Congress, said Ron Sommers, president of U.S.-India Business Council, "we'll be the only one shut out.

"It's like sitting on our hands watching a football game, not being able to play," he added.

GE has been in close talks with the Indian government, areva said, but the company cannot, by law, enter into advanced discussions absent a green light from Bush.

"We have not had any discussions," Sommers said.

A lot of Indian companies are also hopeful.

Private companies cannot operate nuclear reactors, but they can be involved in civilian and military nuclear programs as part of the U.S.-India nuclear deal. GE could pave the way for deeper private sector involvement on the civilian side, said Shreedha Ahlawat, a top official in India's Planning Commission, said in a recent interview.

Jain, of the Nuclear Power Corp., said a raft of companies, including the Tata Group, Reliance Infrastructure Ltd., GMR Infrastructure Ltd., GVK Industries Ltd., the Essar Group, and the state-run Indian National Thermal Power Corp., have expressed interest in running new reactors.

"There are many buyers," Jain said.

The $80 billion dollar agreement, covering much of the project costs, has been hailed by advocates as a way to help India's nuclear agreement with that country.

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Student attendance at this year’s Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy was impressive — at least at the beginning of the event. Throughout the two hours of discussion, however, the audience fell in droves. Some may have lost interest, but others had to go to class.

The Forum is one of the events at the University that does right — the organizers have come up with pressing issues to bring to campus that prompt discussion for the entire academic year. Top experts in the field in question are available to all readers.

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Letters to the Editor

Sequester this

I almost laughed out loud when Dr. Moniz began talking about sequestering carbon dioxide underground yesterday at the forum. Surely I was mistaken and he was really talking about storing dangerous nuclear waste material or something equally dubious, but unfortunately he was not.

It was highly disappointing that all the panellists believed in the man-made climate crisis theory and felt that it was the key motivator for alternative energy. However...

The key reason to seek new forms of fuel is for fuel and prosperity. It can be argued that many of the wars fought in the 21st century are linked to oil resources from the funding terrorist activities to the invasion of Georgia by Russia. We must stop this dependence on foreign energy as soon as possible to both create opportunity back home (“Drill, baby, Drill!”) and to get our nation out of the global chess game for natural resources. Perhaps we should stop investing billions of dollars in the fossil fuel industry. As carbon dioxide increases, plants thrive and through photosynthesis convert and store the carbon and oxygen in a cycle to regulate the earth. As carbon dioxide increases, plants thrive and through photosynthesis convert and store the carbon and give off oxygen. As oxygen becomes more prevalent in the atmosphere, plant growth slows down and carbon dioxide given off by animals or released through fires will occur naturally due to lighting up or drying out, thus returning to normal levels.

In a natural cycle, an old idea that scientists think they just discovered because they have forgotten the power of God. He was even nice enough to store that energy for us underground to use when we had developed enough technology and knowledge.

There is nothing wrong with using oil and other natural resources like timber that God has given us to utilize. There are still many parts of the world with bad pollution problems such as China and India. These are the places environmentalist should be pushing the issue, not wasting their time on a simple idea that is unlikely something we can prevent and that will not have a lasting repercussion on our lifetime and probably for thousands of years (it takes a long time to melt an entire glacier). God is a little smarter about these things than He’ll have you believe, so keep the faith in Him.

I look forward to the response letters.

Mark Edley
Editorial Assistant
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Why not serious?

By Bob Kessler

As this school year started the students of the northeast neighborhood of annual traditions. Freshmen participated in Frosh-O, many students went to the football season events happened across campus, the football season brought many alums back to campus, and students were once again socially assaulted while they were minding their own business off campus.

Here in the northeast neighborhood of South Bend, we have serious problems regarding safety of persons and personal belongings. While the problems are not limited to the Notre Dame community, we as students are targeted for robbery and assault. All too often we hear about students getting assaulted walking home from bars, being robbed of personal belongings and being mugged at gunpoint. These are serious problems that require serious attention.

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This Week in the Blogosphere:
Movies in 15 Minutes

http://community.livejournal.com/m15m/

by JORDAN GAMBLE
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The genre of movie spoofs has run rampant lately, and in that running has ultimately tripped, fallen, and died a bad, unfunny death. The Scary Movie 4, Disaster Movie, and Blood Dancing, Talent are all movies that have all outstayed their welcome in theaters. Now that genuinely clever and funny cinematic spoofs have all but disappeared, wherever shall the parody lovers go?

A good refuge is a series of written spoofs at the "Movies in 15 Minutes" blog on LiveJournal (abbreviated "m15m") - and they don't require a two-hour trip to the theater or a DVD player.

The blog's author, Cleolinda Jones, started the script-style parodies on a whim in 2004 for her personal blog, but got such an enormous response through LiveJournal and the internet at large that she eventually got a book deal. The book's slogan is the same as the blog's: "The Biggest Movies Ever for People Who Just Can't Be Bothered."

The book spoofs of the "classic" blockbusters, like Titanic, Lord of the Rings, and Star Wars, but Jones continues to focus on new releases for the blog. Every few weeks a new spoof will pop up, usually of a high-profile film like The Prestige, Wanted, or the newest Harry Potter movie.

Every entry is in the style of a film screenplay — although it often breaks down the fourth wall, including characters like "DISTURBED AUDIENCE," or in the case of the Harry Potter movies, "SCREAMING FANGIRLS."

Standouts include battle scenes from 300 with captions like, "We have three hundred of the manliest men to ever man something. What do you have?"

Though filmed spoofs can go for cheap sight gags, gross-out jokes and pointless celebrity cameos, the "Movies in 15 Minutes" actually use clever paragraphs of overblown dialogue, pop-culture anachronisms and various forms of internet speak to actually make you "LOL." — no, seriously, don't try to read this in the library, because the constant yet barely suppressed laughter will surely get you kicked out.

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Other Blogs Worth Checking Out

ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY's PopWatch Blog.
http://popwatch.ew.com/popwatch/

On NW5, Mike Bruno discussed "America's Got Talent," and wondered who actually had talent. Here's the opening paragraph:

"Full disclosure: I was not a faithful America's Got Parcel ever after... and then she'll marry us and give us a... "

Hollywood's "Most Hated Website" recently plugged a new single written and sung by the blogger himself, onitet in celebrity failure and weird-doing. A list of article lyrics include "you'll see on Oprah and we'll live hap-topics include "Are Britney and Kevin reunailing?" and "Did Adam and Eve make it?"

This site has "People"-esque articles detailing the latest, separated at birth. Tough question, indeed.
By JESS SHAFFER
Ass. Scene Editor


Not only is Benet creatively confused, he also suffers from generic vocals, uninspired instrumental, and lyrics that oscillate between unintentionally comical to cheesy to blatantly dirty. This is perhaps not surprising considering the seriousness considering the often over-the-top lyrics. This song has the potential to become the theme song for sleazy guys everywhere with classy pickup lines like "I wanna do you." "Spanish Fly" shows an equal amount of classlessness with the indecent proposal of "Won't you use me baby?"

If all that's not bad enough, then there's "Inimluvwichoo." Yes, it's all an ungrammatical mess of a song. This winner is the album's power jam, so to speak. Equipped with full on funk. Perhaps the best part of this track, is when Benet's voice electronically processed to sound like a chipmunk confessing "Inimluvwichoo, baby!" You can't make this type of stuff up. This track, chipmunk and all, seems to be the anthem of "flatlanders" everywhere, teasing women with insincere sweet-nothings and professions of love. You'd think girls might start to doubt the seriousness considering the atrocious grammar and the chipmunk.

Of course, ND students are advised to avoid this album at all costs. That is unless you're looking for a good laugh. In conclusion, the immortal words found in Happy Gilmor's are appropriate. "I award you no shamrocks and may God have mercy on your soul."

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The Office says...

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Writer

It's rare that my home state, New Hampshire, gets a lot of attention in the media. Every four years, the networks and newspapers roll out the big guns for the New Hampshire primary, the first in the nation, which means that the possibility of my meeting Brian Williams goes up way up (score).

A few movies have taken place here, including "Animal House," at least if the source material, Dartmouth, is any indication; "Jumanji" (yep. Look it up); and "The Hotel New Hampshire" (shocking, I know), among others. John leving, the author, is a New Hampshire native, as is Dan Brown of "Da Vinci Code" fame. Somehow, Aerosmith has a longstanding connection to the Granite State, and Bruce Willis recently pirated our state motto for the title of "Live Free or Die."

We've also got some sweet maple syrup. When your state has one eighth the population of New York City, you tend to be kind of low profile. Unfortunately, this is especially true when it comes to all things entertainment.

Filmmakers and television producers love to shoot in the small-town references when it comes to shows aiming for "quirkiness," such as the NBC (I believe) sitcom from a few years ago, "The Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire," which was mercifully axed after less than six episodes.

Which is why, when I heard that Greg Daniels was planning on referencing my hometown of Nashua, New Hampshire on the season premiere of "The Office," one of my favorite shows, I kind of freaked out a little bit. For a little background information, here's a brief history of the glorious Gate City. The second-largest city in the Shire, following Manchester, it was originally settled as the town of Dunstable. Fast-forward two centuries to the present day, when Nashua has grown to a city of 85,000 awesome Northern New Englanders. Our French-Canadian contingent is one of the strongest in the nation, which lends local cuisine a north-of-the-border flavor (and a whole lot gravy). I've lived here since I was eight, and I'd have to say that I'm a big fan.

Obsessive fans of "The Office" may remember Daniels' previous mention of Nashua in an earlier episode. When the Scranton staff was filming a commercial in the season four episode "Local Ad," the filmmakers from corporate showed them a picture featuring the Nashua branch. Michael's reaction was that the Nashua branch "sucks."

Daniels has said that Nashua was one possible setting for the series of "The Office." And recently told the Nashua Telegraph that he really liked the city's name for a Northern branch of Dunder-Mifflin. Even new HW rep Holly (Amy Ryan) came to Scranton by way of the Nashua branch. Allegedly, a local candy company, Merrimack and Nashua-based Swan Chocolates, is due to get a shout-out in an upcoming episode.

This, plainly speaking, is awesome. Some residents of the Great North Woods region might argue that Nashua is filled with "Gaullanders" who don't understand the real New Hampshire. It's true that I've only seen a few moose in my lifetime, one of which was trailing through the athletic fields at my high school. I've also never skied, but that's mostly because I have nightmares of that episode from "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" coming true.

Nashua, friends, is truly just as New Hampshire as any other part of the state, and we're psyched to let it represent the Shire on "The Office."

Even if it's for less than thirty seconds at a time.

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Los Angeles' Manny Ramirez waves to the crowd after hitting a two-run home run against the Associated Press.

Ramirez's Dodgers clinch NL West

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers clinched their first NL West championship in four years Thursday without filling a bat.

Entering the day with a magic number of one, the Dodgers got what they needed when the second-place Arizona Diamondbacks lost 12-3 at St. Louis in the afternoon. That was several hours before Los Angeles faced the San Diego Padres in its final home game of the regular season.

Manny Ramirez found out the Dodgers officially qualified for the playoffs from a reporter after he entered an elevator to the team's clubhouse with teammate Pablo Ozuna about an hour after the Diamondbacks lost.

"It's good, but it's just the first step," said Ramirez, who has played so well since joining the Dodgers less than two months ago that there's been MVP talk.

"We're happy, but we're not going to go crazy about it. It's the goal is to go to the big dance, the World Series. This is not a champion­ship yet."

"Not a lot of players get a chance to go to the playoffs in their career. I've been blessed. You want to win it all. That's when you get that feeling you can't describe, like we had in Boston." The Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years in 2004, with Ramirez winning the MVP award, and won it again last year. But Ramirez wanted out a few months back, and got his wish, being sent to the Dodgers at the trade deadline.

"The sky's the limit. You never know," he said of the Dodgers' chances. "We've got a pretty good team. Anything can happen." The Dodgers have won just one postseason game since winning the World Series 20 years ago, going 1-12 in four playoff appearances. They'll face either the Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies or New York Mets on the road to begin the first round next week.

The Dodgers were in trouble after losing their eighth straight game Aug. 29, a 9-3 setback at Arizona that gave the Diamondbacks a 4-game lead in the division. But with Ramirez leading the way, they entered Thursday night's game having won 18 of their prior 23 games, including five straight over the Diamondbacks.

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EREAL, Ohio — The NFL found no evidence that Cleveland Browns defensive players intentionally gouged the eyes of Baltimore running back Willis McGahee during the Ravens' 28-10 win last Sunday. Ravens coach John Harbaugh sent tapes to the league's office in New York earlier this week asking for a review of two separate incidents.

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"I don't think we should say," he said. "I wouldn't want to comment on it, but you can see it on the tape." Armstrong to be tested before rejoining Tour

LAS VEGAS — The anti-doping expert charged with monitoring Lance Armstrong said Thursday he would test the seven-time Tour de France winner for "everything" and keep frozen samples of Armstrong's blood to be analyzed in the future.

Don Catlin, who ran the first anti-doping lab in the United States for 25 years, said testing details, including costs, still must be worked out with Astana, the Kazakhstan-based team that will pay for it.

But he expressed confidence the pro­gram would be complete in testing banned substances.

"Everything that you've heard, and then probably some new ones," Catlin told The Associated Press after appearing with Armstrong in Las Vegas.

"I'm going further and I'm doing it because it's important for the world to recognize how to do these personalized anti-doping programs," Catlin said.

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Rivalry game pits Knott against Siegfried

Fisher, Carroll battle for first win of season; Duncan battles Alumni looking for first ever interhall victory

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Sports Writers

Knott vs. Siegfried

The across-the-quad rivalry between Siegfried and Knott heat up once again this Sunday when the iron curtain collides at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

The Ramblers will be looking to begin another playoff-bound season against the Juggerknotts, who are hungry to return to post-season action after a disappointing 2007 campaign.

Last year, Siegfried vs. Knott was a tight game that saw the experience on the gridiron lead the Ramblers to a 6-0 victory. This year, however, the Juggerknotts have a young team with much potential.

For Alumni to come away with a win this Sunday, they will need to focus on the basics of throwing and passing.

“Knott is determined to continue their winning ways as they face off against the Juggerknotts this Sunday,” said senior quarterback Matt Brennan.

This week’s game is essential. Freshman safety Keenan is working on establishing a consistent running game. Fisher will look to continue their winning ways as they take on the up-and-comers this weekend.

Senior quarterback Alex Peck, who has been working hard at practice this week, will be looking for a way to measure their progress, and this game will be a good opportunity for the team to do so.

The game will be a matchup of two teams that have been working hard at practice this week. Both teams are likely to be facing a tough opponent.

In the past, starting the season with a win against a tough opponent can move the team forward in the right direction.

Kevin Laughlin said. “This game is very high on our key players this year. We need to focus on the basics of throwing and passing.

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“This year we established ourselves as one of the premier teams in inter-hall football,” senior captain Brian Salvi said.

“With most of our key players returning, we have our eyes on the championship.”

Led by Salvi at quarterback, the Griffins look to keep their experience solid offense but effective as they march downfield.

Captains John Burke and Karun Abiga will present a threat to the Rams in the trenches, while returning safety David Costanzo anchors the secondary.

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Walsh grabs first win of season over Pangborn

By Matthew Welsey, Ryan O’Connell and Chris Wynkoop
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Walsh 19, Pangborn 6

Walsh earned their first win of the season last night against the number one team in the area, Pangborn. The Whirlwinds (1-1) jumped out to an early lead aided by a punt return inside the 20-yard line. Following a reverse that brought the ball to the 1-yard line, Meghan Hadley scored Walsh’s first touchdown of the season on a double reverse. On the next possession, Hadley gave Walsh a 13-0 lead with a 10-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Amy Langsner.

The Whirlwinds (1-1) answered with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Cathy Popolski from quarterback Gabby Tate, making the score 13-6. The Whirlwinds threatened to score another touchdown right before the half, but Gabby Tate’s 20-yard pass was dropped in the end zone.

Walsh added a late touchdown on a Qb sneak to make the score 19-6.

Last night’s game was a major turn around for the Whirlwinds. "We were tired in the first game,” assistant coach Dan Brown said. “This week we were able to be more aggressive. While we had a lot more penalties, that’s where we were really proud of our girls. I think this is the best I’ve seen us play offensively and defensively in the past few years,” Rose said.

Walsh Fam 19, Lewis 0

The Walsh Family Whirlwinds came out firing on all cylinders as they took down the Lewis Chicks on Thursday night. Quarterback Jenni Gargula completed her first three passes, then threw a 20-yard pass and converted the extra point to give the Whirlwinds an early 7-0 lead.

"We really moved the ball well early," Gargula said. "Lewis was playing man-to-man coverage to start and we saw downfield and found out we had some great throws and we ended up winning," Rolls said.

"You have to give it to Farley, they played great at the end of the game and got the win," Rose said.

Walsh's first win against Pangborn was a matter of determination and execution. "We were unable to capitalize on having our opportunities," Gargula said.

Walsh was focused on having their way on defense.

"She put us in a position to win the game," Pangborn head coach JJ Heyes said. Pangborn will look to get their first win of the season this weekend at Baldwin.

Farley 14, Baldwin 12

In a heated game with two lead changes in the final minutes, Farley's Finest pulled out a close win against the Baldwin Bulldoggs. Farley quarterback Emily Murphy and Baldwin quarterback Katie Rose each threw two touchdowns in the game.

The first few drives of the game left both teams scoreless thanks to each team's strong defensive play. Despite Farley's offense struggling inside the Badin 20-yard line twice, Baldwin's red-zone defense prevailed and Farley was unable to capitalize on the good field position.

"Their defense stopped us a couple times on the 1-yard line and we kind of got sick of it," Farley head coach Jenni Rolls said.

Farley went on to score a touchdown and take the lead 7-0. But after throwing an interception, Baldwin was able to drive down the field and take the lead 12-7, thanks to a failed 2-point conversion.

With two minutes left in the game, the pressure was on for Farley to score quickly, but there wasn't a sense of panic from the team.

"I knew that we had enough time and we had been moving the ball pretty successfully all game but hadn't put it in the end zone. It was a matter of determination and we got it done," Rolls said.

On a series of great plays, Farley quarterback Emily Murphy had several great runs to pick up a first down when the team needed it. The drive resulted in a touchdown and sealed the win for Farley's Finest.

"The win was awesome. When we needed it, we got it together. Our quarterback had some great runs and we ended up winning," Rolls said.

"You have to give it to Farley, they played great at the end of the game and got the win," Rose said.

Despite the loss, the Bulldoggs' performance gave them plenty of reasons to be excited about the remainder of the season.

"I was really proud of our girls, I think this is the best I’ve seen us play offensively and defensively in the past few years," Rose said.
Belles travel to face No. 16 Calvin, Adrian

Saint Mary's hopes to ride momentum of three-game win streak as they compete in MIAA mini-tournament

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Building on the momentum from its hard-fought victory over Kalamazoo on Tuesday, Saint Mary's heads to Grand Rapids, Mich., to face AVCA No. 16 Calvin and Adrian in a MIAA three-way mini-tournament on Saturday.

The Belles (10-4, 3-2 MIAA) are looking to add to their three-game conference win streak and continue their climb out of the MIAA cellar after beginning the season 0-2 in the conference.

Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, whose squad eclipsed the 10-win mark for the fourth straight season with Tuesday's win, considers the early success of her team crucial to making a run in the MIAA.

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The Belles begin play at 11 a.m. on Saturday against Calvin, concluding the day's competition with a 1 p.m. match against Adrian. The tournament is held at Calvin's campus in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Comets to face Belles after layoff

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

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The Belles are looking to come out and show off their hard work from this season, which included 6 a.m. practices on a daily basis.

The Saint Mary's cross country team is a great group of women," Brodmikel said. "We have had a difficult time getting people to see that since we compete so far from campus, I am so glad that we will finally be able to show our friends, classmates, and faculty what our hours of hard work have enabled us to do."

The Belles are coming off their best conference finish in school history, when they placed fourth last season and are looking to equal or best that finish this year.

Rauers noted that freshman standout Arianne Rodriguez is returning from being ill but is looking for her to have a good race at home.

"We are looking for our pack to close the gap with Megan McClowrey and Arianne Rodriguez," Crabbe said. "Rodriguez has been sick and we're hoping to see her feeling better and have an outstanding day at home. The Calvin team is ranked second in the nation and will undoubtedly lead the entire field, but I would like to see our ladies stick with them with some of the young talent at Hope."

After the Belles host Jamboree this weekend, they will head to the Adrian Invitational, in preparation for the MACA Championships on Nov. 1.

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SMC Cross Country

Belles to host first race in five years

By KATE GRABAREK
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Oregon State holds on to shock No. 1 USC

Beavers knock off the highly favored Trojans 27-21 for the third time in four tries at home in Corvallis

Oregon Stale's Sanchez found wide-open receiver Damien Williams, who sprinted down the sideline — and narrowly avoided Laybourn's efforts to push him out of bounds — to narrow it to 21-14 with 2:26 left in the third quarter. The Beavers squandered a chance to add to the lead midway through the fourth when they tried for a field goal, but Sean Schenk's 41-yard attempt was blocked.

The Beavers opened this season with two losses, at Stanford and Penn State, before returning home for a victory over Hawaii. Despite their struggles, the Beavers had seen steady growth on offense and the emergence of Jacquizz Rodgers, who went into the game against the Trojans as the nation's leading freshman rusher with 87.7 yards per game. USC had shown little vulnerability in victories at Virginia and then at home against then-No. 5 Buckeyes. But coach Pete Carroll noted earlier in the week that the familiarity of Pac-10 play posed a danger.

The Beavers certainly seemed to have the Trojans figured out, holding them to 313 yards total offense. Stafon Johnson was USC's leading rusher with 48 yards. Williams had six catches for 94 yards. USC was without corner­back Shareece Wright, who will miss several games due to a hairline vertebra fracture suffered in the Ohio State game. Carroll had said Wright was being disciplined after being charged with felony resisting a police officer earlier this month, but would have played against Oregon State had he been cleared medically.

USC has lost three of its last four games in Corvallis.

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Red Sox trump Indians behind Lester's effort

Boston's southpaw ousted Cleveland with six innings, allowing only a pair of hits working on just 86 pitches

Associated Press

BOSTON — If the Cleveland Indians hadn't broken up Jon Lester's bid for his second no-hitter this season, his own team would have.

"He was coming out," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "I told him that was the first time I've ever rooted against him. The only way you're going to see something like that, it would've had to have been a group effort."

Lester held Cleveland hitless through five before finishing with six innings of two-hitting Boston to a 6-1 victory. Making his final tuneup start before the playoffs, Lester was working on a pitch limit of about 85 pitches; he lasted 86 before leaving to the cheers of the crowd and the handshakes of his teammates.

"If it happens, it's nice. But we've got to get ready for the playoffs," said Lester, who no-hit Kansas City plete game of his career. "If it ended up working out where I could have done it with not a lot of pitches, then great. If not, then no big deal."

Kevin Youkilis was 2-for-3 with his 24th homer for the Red Sox, who retained a mathematical chance of winning the AL East — if they win their last three games of the season and Tampa Bay loses its last three. The Rays lost to the Detroit Tigers 7-5 on Thursday and hold a two-game lead and the tiebreaker in the division.

To Boston, that was more important than whether Lester (16-6) became the fifth pitcher in history with two no-hitters in a season.

Francona was spared an uncomfortable situation when Josh Beckett lined a clean double into left field to lead off the sixth; Lester also gave up Jamey Carroll's RBI single before leaving with a 5-1 lead.

Lester said he wasn't worrying about where he fit into the playoff rotation. Instead, he's just happy to know he has a spot after going into last year's post season as a mop up man before eventually getting the start in Game 4 of the World Series when Boston clinched its second title in four years.

"I'm not worried about Game 1, 2, 4, 8," he said. "Whatever it is, give me the ball and I'll go pitch."

Three Red Sox relievers threw a perfect inning apiece to finish off the two-hitter, with Jonathan Papelbon pitching the ninth in a non-save situation to get ready for next week's playoffs. First comes a weekend series against the rival New York Yankees that is uncomfortable.

"That's OK," Francona said.

"It's fine with us," Jacoby Ellsbury and Jed Lowrie, the top two hitters in the Boston order, hit back-to-back singles in the first and back-to-back doubles in the second as the Red Sox opened a 5-0 lead before two against Jeremy Sowers (4-9).

Lester allowed just one baserunner in the first five innings, hitting Grady Sizemore with a pitch in the third. The Indians didn't get a hit off the 24-year-old lefty until Barfield, the No. 9 hitter who entered the game batting .160, led off the sixth.

Barfield took third on a balk and scored when Carroll singled as we've seen all season," said Indians manager Eric Wedge, who said he wasn't thinking about being no-hit — yet. "He has to get a little deeper than that. But he had that kind of stuff."

Youkilis homered in the seventh to make it 6-1. After spending the last five days at or above .500, Cleveland dropped to 79-80.

The Indians, who were eliminated from the playoffs by Boston last year after taking a 3-1 lead in the AL championship series, will finish the season with another chance to play spoiler. Cleveland has three games against the White Sox, who are fighting with the Minnesota Twins for the last playoff spot in the AL.

Regardless of the outcome, the win Thursday marked the end of an era for Doerr and Martinez.

"We'll miss them," Martinez said.

"It's kind of sad," said Dobbs. "Two of the best to ever play here."

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Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester gestures towards first base in a 6-1 win Thursday.

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Beltran’s late inner-hitting push passes Mets past Cubs

Braun’s homer lifts Brewers past Pirates; Diamondbacks fall to Cardinals, knocking them out of playoffs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a desperate rally in the rain, Carlos Beltran finally got the hit that New York Mets fans have been waiting for.

Beltran’s two-out, two-run home run in the ninth inning capped a miraculous rally that kept the Mets’ playoff destiny in their own hands.

The single homed the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning and New York beat the Chicago Cubs 7-6 on Thursday night for a huge win that propels the late-season savior.

“I was going to the plate thinking I have to come through,” Beltran said. “We had almost five games left and it’s going to be hard.”

After trailing by three runs in the seventh, New York fought back to give guys a chance to win it and NL East-leading Philadelphia with three to play. The Mets also stayed tied atop the wild-card standings with Milwaukee, while staying 1 1/2 games behind Chicago.

“It’s one thing about this team it has responded to adversity,” New York manager Jerry Manuel said. “Tonight was another example of that.”

Rich Harden pitched six solid innings, but the Mets scored four runs off the left-hander to tie the game.

Harden pitched six innings for the NL Central champions and left with the score tied at 2-2 in the sixth inning. Harden went 5-5 with five RBIs and his first two major league shutouts in 1999 but a subsequent tying shot in the seventh off a pitch that went beyond Shea Stadium’s left field.

He put on a show tonight. It was the perfect way to celebrate Derek Lee’s baselines.

“I think the Brooklyn fans, the Philadelphia fans, couldn’t be disappointed in our effort,” Lee said. “For the Cubs, resting most of their stars, couldn’t hold on.

“From top to bottom on this roster, guys want to fight and guys want to win,” Reed Johnson said. “We’re not going to cruise.”

The Mets play Florida in the front end of a doubleheader Thursday and Saturday, while the Cubs visit Milwaukee.

Pitching what could be his final game for the Cubs, Pedro Martinez struck out a season-high nine and left to a warm ovation as he returned in the seventh. He pointed to the crowd and flashed a peace sign.

“I appreciate their support, in case this is my last game, my last start,” Martinez said. “I wish I could continue and come back with the Mets. But this isn’t the time to think about those things. I couldn’t go by without saying that.”

After he was New York, tied it in the ninth on big hits by a pair of unlikely players: spare part Ramon Martinez and third-string catcher Robinson Cano.

Jose Reyes singled off Kevin Hart (2-2) to start the ninth and sacrifice to put a deep fly to right in the hands of Ramirez.

Carlos Delgado was intentionally walked, bringing up Beltran to the plate with the Mets 2 runs behind.

“Sometimes, you’ve got to realize that a young man like that’s never gone through any adversity in his life as an athlete,” Seuwan said. “That guy hit in little league, he hit in high school, he hit in college, he hit in pro ball, he hit in the big leagues, he has been brought into the spot and sometimes, people struggle.”

Mitch Steiger (3-1) earned the victory after pitching out of a jam in the 10th since September.

Despite their slides in September, Braun and the Brewers have three games left against the Chicago Cubs with a playoff spot on the line.

And if they do make it, they might have an unexpected ace up their sleeve. Pitcher Yovani Gallardo.

Making his first start since tearing a knee ligament May 1, Gallardo pitched only four innings but made them count. The Brewers’ promising 22-year-old right-hander struck out seven while giving up a run and three hits.

“It’s great,” Gallardo said. “I was just disgusting,” Conor Jackson said. “It was embarrassing. You can’t pitch, you can’t hit. Maybe you win games.”

Cardinals 12, Diamondbacks 3

The Los Angeles Dodgers clinched their first NL West title since 2004 before taking the field, thanks to three straight disappointing losses by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Arizona was only two games out with six games to play. The defending division champions had boxed out any hope in a rout by the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday. “It was just disgusting,” Conor Jackson said. “It was embarrassing. You can’t pitch, you can’t hit. Maybe you win games.”

Arizona third baseman Mark Reynolds, finishing his first season with 28 homers and 96 RBIs, although he’s batting .240.

The Diamondbacks led by as many as 6.5 games in April while going 20-4. The rest of the season, they’ve struggled for consistency.

“Obviously, it hasn’t been the type of year we expected,” Melvin said. “After the first half, it’s kind of a new ballgame for any kind of an extended period of time. It’s going to be challenging. We’ve got to get back on track and play a good month.

The expectations get raised and you don’t follow through.”

Pujols (35) and Ryan Ludwick (30) hit consecutive homers in a five-run seventh that opened a 13-1 lead. Troy Glaus walked four times to match his career high, and Felipe Lopez had three hits and two RBIs.

La Russa endorsed Pujols for the NL MVP earlier this week, adding he didn’t think anyone else was close.

“Whatever he ends up with, he had a monster season,” La Russa said.

Pineiro matched his season best with seven strikeouts after going 0-2 with an 8.40 ERA in three previous September starts.

“Thank you very much,” Pineiro said. “You kind of wish you had more starts like that earlier in the year to help the team out a lot better.”

St. Louis False 17 hits and nine walks against Doug Davis (6-9) and five relievers. The three-game winning streak follows a slide over seven losses in 12 games that knocked them out of the Central race.
**Big East**

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every match seriously. The non-conference and conference seasons build on one another. It's just another part of the season.

The Irish are looking forward to the Big East season and want to see a strong showing early.

"We are definitely going in with an intensity," Brown said. "We will be determined and fired up."

The Irish have been game-planning this week to fill the void left by junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips, who is out with an ankle sprain. Phillips was on the all Big East preseason team.

"It's a day-to-day thing," Brown said. "[Phillips] will definitely not play this weekend. She is going to stay at Notre Dame and we are going to try and get her ready for next week, but that is still uncertain.

To counter the loss of Phillips, the Irish have been experimenting with some different combinations.

"We want to try and get a rhythm with different lineups," Brown said. "We want to try and be balanced and move people around in the lineup. Our best two hitters (junior outside hitter Christina Kasilin and freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy) need to get the ball." Brown also wants to utilize some formations that the team is not necessarily used to.

"We want to experiment with people for a better block and use different weapons," Brown said.

First up on Friday is a trip to South Florida (9-5). The Bulls currently sit at third in the Big East thanks to a strong non-conference showing to start the season.

USF is led by junior outside hitter Marcela Gurgel who earned All-American honors last year. Gurgel currently ranks fourth in the NCAA in kills per set at 4.75 and ninth in aces per set at 0.63.

Gurgel had a season high 23 kills and four aces in their match last year against Notre Dame. The Irish pulled out the home match with a four-set victory.

"South Florida depends pretty heavily on their outside hitter Gurgel," Brown said. "We need to be concerned about Gurgel, but we can't just concentrate on her."

Sunday's match comes against a much-improved Georgetown (7-6) squad. The Hoyas sit at sixth in the Big East with a decent non-conference season.

"Georgetown will be much improved from last year," Brown said. "They were near the bottom last year and they have no returning players to carry them, but we are Notre Dame and we will have a target on our backs. We expect to be pushed."

Senior setter Caillit Roland is fifth in the Big East, averaging 10.78 assists per set.

The Hoyas rank fifth in the Big East and No. 66 in the nation with 1.64 service aces per game. "We need to work on our serve for the Hoyas to try and exploit this advantage."

The Irish will continue Big East play next week with matchups against Louisville and Georgia Tech.

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**MLB**

Twins overcome division rivals

**Alexi Casilla's 10th-inning single puts Minnesota back in first**

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The winning run reached home plate to give the Twins back in first place, and Carlos Gomez and Denard Span still had plenty of energy to burn.

They raced from the dugout toward Alexi Casilla and tackled their teammate, in celebration of his 10th-inning single that capped a 7-6 comeback victory over the Chicago White Sox on Thursday.

"We're sick, but we're still alive," he said. "Hopefully we go home and win four games and kick their (butt) on Tuesday.... They found a way to get enough hits and scrape some across. (Stuff) happens."

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are capable of staying in the game against top-tier opponents.

"What it looks like is they play to the level of their opponent," he said.

The Cardinals lost a heartbreaker in double-overtime to No. 9 Texas three weeks ago before falling 2-2 to No. 12 Oklahoma State on Sept. 12. Their most recent contest was a 2-1 setback at Ohio State in overtime last Sunday.

"They're coming off a tough loss to Ohio State," Waldrum said. "You almost wish they came in with a win so they weren't so hungry for a win."

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"It's not an ideal facility, it actually has a big garage next to it and it's Astroturf," Waldrum said. "It's basically not the type of field that soccer should be played on."

Waldrum compared the field to DePaul's complex. Last Friday the host Blue Demons, who are just 2-7-0, kept the game close and lost just 1-0 on a late goal to the Irish.

Waldrum said the most important thing for the Irish this weekend is not to take either Louisville or Cincinnati lightly.

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compete for wins when we do play well."

Although veteran juniors Doug Partin and Carlos Salmon, and freshman Hall had poor outings, three sophomores distinguished themselves for the Irish. Tyler Buck played with consistency to lead the team in scoring, finishing five-over for the weekend, tied for 16th overall. Fellow sophomores Jeff Chen and Connor Alan-Lee also turned in respectable showings, illustrating the strength of the team's underclassmen.

Kubinski considers the development of the younger players to be key for Notre Dame's success this season.

"It's truly an thrilling time for our program," Kubinski said.

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Irish players huddle during a stoppage in play against Dartmouth in a 2-1 Notre Dame victory Sept. 5 at Alumni fields.

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East rookie of the week for his play last weekend. Maund has played every minute of all seven games for the Irish this season.

Notre Dame's decorated defense will have its hands full with Sunday's opponent, though, as the Cardinals hold a 3-0-1 record at home and are averaging 1.62 goals per game.

Senior Ryan McDonald and freshman Collin Reife each have scored three goals to lead Louisville.

The Cardinals finished last year in second place in the Red Division and lost in the NCAA Tournament's second round, 1-0, to eventual runner-up Ohio State.

"We are starting to come together and make good progress," Clark said. "There's still a lot of soccer left to be played... but it's always good to have a good start to a season."

After its two-game trip this weekend, Notre Dame will wrap up a three-game road stretch when it travels to Michigan Wednesday.

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Squad riding six-game unbeaten streak into weekend

By MATT GAMBER

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish begin Big East play

Conference play to start with games against South Florida, Georgetown

By JARED JEDICK

Notre Dame is prepared to begin conference play tonight and Sunday with two big matchups against South Florida and Georgetown.

Conference play is like a new start for the Irish (5-7), who are currently sitting around .500 for most of the non-conference season.

Despite the heated nature of playing against familiar teams in the Big East and the games meaning more, Notre Dame's approach will stay the same.

"Big East play is not really different for us," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We take

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Freshman Beth Wildermuth sets a ball in a 3-1 win over Nevada Aug. 30 at the Joyce Center.

**MEN’S GOLF**

Irish looking to rebound after tenth-place finish

By MICHAEL BLASCO

After a 10th-place finish at the USF Olympic Club Intercollegiate earlier this month, Notre Dame will try to get its season on track at the Saint Mary’s Invitational this weekend.

Like Saint Mary’s College (California)-hosted event will be held at the Poppy Hills Golf Club in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Irish coach James Kubinski is not dwelling on his team’s early struggles.

"I'm honestly not disappoint­ed with the USF event," Kubinski said. "Like any team playing a first tournament or game, you're not sure what you have, or have to work on, until

you start competing. Coaches will always tell you it takes a couple games to reduce the turnovers and get in 'game shape.' It's the same here."

After outstanding summer seasons from several of its golfers and a roaring tour through Ireland early last month, Notre Dame had high hopes for its fall season opener at the USF Olympic Intercollegiate Invitational. However, the Irish were unable to recover from two disappointing opening rounds, and finished 10th in a field of 15.

"We'll be fine," Kubinski said. "We needed an event. I think, in not playing as well as we can, yet putting up reasonable, if not great, scores, we proved we can

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DAVID BRUTON
NEARLY GAVE UP FOOTBALL.
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OF AN NFL CAREER.
COMMENTARY

Game depends on Irish psyche

William Bink

Sports Editor

Tomorrow's game could go either way, and which route it takes depends on how the Irish recover from their loss. Last season, the losses eclipsed any hope of improvement. There were few redeeming qualities, and it became too late for Notre Dame to pull itself together after losses. So the question isn't really how good Purdue is or how good Notre Dame is. The question is how Notre Dame responds to its loss.

After the 38-0 loss to Michigan last year, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he started the season over. There's no need for that this year, but the team, both as an individual unit and as a whole, must regroup to have success in the rest of the season.

The offensive line could regress after Michigan State nullified its effectiveness. It could lose confidence. Should that happen, the running game will once again fail to produce yardage. The offense will again become one-dimensional, forcing Jimmy Clausen to throw. Interceptions follow, and there goes the game.

Or the offensive linemen could buckle down and play like they did in the first two games, when they didn't allow a sack and helped the running backs rush for more than 100 yards. They're bigger, stronger and better than last year, and they know it. The only question is how this loss affected them compared to last year.

What about the running backs, the horses who couldn't shed their restraints against Michigan State? Will they believe the stat sheets' indications of their utility to the team?

They might.

Or they could remember the holes they've hit and the touchdowns they've scored in the first two games. They could force the defense into the box and move the chains. This opens the field for the play-action pass, which Clausen shined he can throw well against Michigan.

Clausen may let his intercep-
tions get to him. He could
have them in the back of his mind all game, forcing him to throw the ball away. Or he may remember his effective-
ness in the four- and five-wide sets and continue to pass effectively. With the five-wide set spreading the field, the defense follows suit, and here comes the run again.

Michael Floyd could think about his fumble every time a ball comes his way. Or he could realize that he needs to move on and learn from his mistakes.

What's important to remember about tomorrow's game is the relative equality of the two teams. Both are 2-1. Notre Dame beat an injured San Diego State team and a Michigan team that gave it the ball six times. Purdue beat up on Northern Colorado and barely snuck past Central Michigan. Notre Dame lost to a Michigan State team that played better, and Purdue, who hasn't yet played on the road, lost in overtime to Oregon.

Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter can still run the spread offense effectively, but he lost two of his primary weapons, speedy wide receiver Dorrian Bryant and tight end Dustin Keller. Clausen has budding stars at receiver in Floyd and Golden Tate. Purdue running back Kory Sheets has a shade under 20 carries per game and averages 5.7 yards per carry. Notre Dame averages 2.6 per carry.

The game is, for intents and purposes, a toss-up. One could make 10 arguments for both sides and wouldn't be able to declare a definitive winner. So it's up to the way both teams execute to determine the game. No one can execute without having confidence in what they're doing.

And to have confidence, Notre Dame needs to believe actually, to know—that last week was an aberration, a fluke, a one-time thing.

The offensive linemen need to know they will flatten their opponents. The running backs need to know they have the ability to hit the holes, move the chains and score. Clausen needs to know he can hit his receivers.

And they do. This isn't like last year, where each loss sunk the team deeper and deeper into despair. This is this year, where the team has proved it can produce on offense and halt production on defense. Michigan wasn't crunch time, and Michigan State wasn't crunch time. This is Notre Dame has already proved it has moved on from last season. Now it needs to prove, by recovering from a loss, that the transition is complete.

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Brute determination
Senior safety David Bruton works toward career in NFL

By CHRIS HINE
Editor in Chief

This time last year, the NFL was still distant dream to senior safety David Bruton. He was having a solid season in another otherwise miserable year for Notre Dame, but to Bruton, the idea of playing on Sundays was still unfathomable.

But to some people, it wasn't so incomprehensible. Bruton started to notice these people showing up to watch him play. Bruton may not have known them, but they certainly knew who he was. They were NFL scouts.

This season, Bruton has given those scouts a lot to praise — he recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter on Notre Dame's 1-yard line against San Diego State. And against Michigan, Bruton forced another fumble and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown. Those were NFL scouts.

Bruton said he didn't play much football his junior year and he wasn't a big fan of being a receiver and not getting many looks at defensive back. So he'd like never play anyway or see the field.

But Notre Dame fans can be thankful Bruton had a conversation with his coach and teammate, Kelly Lewis, Lewis, his coach's son, convinced Bruton to give football another shot. Bruton saw some action early in the season at wide receiver due to an injury to one of the starters. Then, Bruton earned the starting spot at safety his junior year and parlayed that into a scholarship at Notre Dame.

Finding football
In high school, Bruton dreamed of becoming an Olympic sprinter, much like his cousin, Tyson Gay. "I wanted those 200- and 400-meter races," Bruton said with a smile.

But just a few years ago for Bruton, getting to that next level meant going somewhere other than the NFL — the Olympics.

Getting ready for the future
In November 2005, during his freshman year, Bruton's son Jaden was born. Bruton's son Jaden who Bruton affectionately called "Knucklehead" was born.

"But before Jaden can see his future, he has to go through the laborious and highly-scrutinized pre-draft process where every Rooney Yard Dash time could raise or lower your value in the draft.

David Bruton Irish safety

Still, Bruton said that doesn't worry him too much. "I plan to be a lot more ready than I am now when I go to train," Bruton said. "My 40-time will drop. I'm not really worried about that. My vertical always put on weight and you can always put on height," Bruton said. And if he ever needs advice he has former teammates now for Bruton at this point, but a little more confidence and be a little more aggressive — know anything on a deep ball, Bruton's going to be in the vicinity.

And if Bruton has anything to say about it, he'll be in the vicinity of a lot of deep passes for years to come after his final season at Notre Dame is over.

But Bruton in the NFL is something Irish defensive coordinator Corbin Brown doesn't want to imagine right now. "Oh, I'm not going to down that road," Brown said Wednesday. "But I will say I've been around guys and I've seen guys that have done it at a pretty good level and if he does things the right way he can do it."

David Bruton Irish safety

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-1
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Charlie Weis
Fourth season as head coach at Notre Dame
Career record: 23-15

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Notre Dame 2008 Schedule

Sept. 6 SDSU-W
Sept. 13 MICHIGAN—W
Sept. 20 at MICH. ST.—L
Sept. 27 PURDUE
Oct. 4 STANFORD
Oct. 11 at UNC
Oct. 25 at WASH.
Nov. 1 PIT
Nov. 8 at NAV
Nov. 15 at NAVY
Nov. 22 SYRACUSE
Nov. 29 at USC

COACHING

Weis and his staff made a good adjustment at halftime last week and seem to have the team believing that a repeat of 2007 isn’t going to happen. It will be interesting to see how they handle this week’s off-the-field activities.

Joe Tiller announced at the beginning of this season that this is his final go-round. Tiller has brought the Purdue program a long way since 1996 and can finish his career with a 300 record against the Irish with a win on Saturday.

Fifth-year senior Curtis Painter has the wisdom of a veteran and the confidence to do well after having his way with the Irish last season in West Lafayette. He’s looked good so far this season but only has three passing touchdowns thus far.

Both teams are currently sitting at 2-1. Weis has revived the team slightly, but Tiller’s team wards-off big plays away from helping unbeaten and ranked. Whoever can make the better adjustments as the game goes on will likely win.

Clausen continues to improve as he nears the finish of his first campaign at quarterback. He’s having a much better year than many expected and has the potential to do great things.

Quarters

Notre Dame complete-ly abandoned the running game in the second half of last week and right-fully so. It’s tough to get anyone to run if the pass defense is playing well, but the Irish will need to have some things to still sort out.

Irish Rushing

Notre Dame struggled last week against Michigan State in large part because it couldn’t establish an offensive identity. Look for Weis to make adjustments sooner this week if the running game continues to struggle. The defense should benefit in the first two games than it did against MSU — and they were both spread offenses like the Boilermakers.

Notre Dame

NCAA

FINAL SCORE:
Notre Dame 24
Purdue 17

Irish Passing

Clausen has struggled to pass well against the Spartans, the Irish will continue to try to establish themselves as a well-balanced offense. The “pound it” mentality might be toned down but expect to see plenty of all three backs, at least in the first half.

The Irish proved last week that they can throw the ball. Allen looked good catching passes out of the backfield and Floyd, Dan and Rudolph all played well. As long as they can avoid mistakes, the pass attack should roll against the Boilermakers.

The Boilermakers’ athletic secondary have picked off two passes in each of their last two games — including two inside the red zone to stay in the game against Oregon. But the Chippewas did put up almost 300 yards against them last week.

ANALYSIS

The Irish have plenty of guys who can catch the ball short. Next to the quarterback, who is related to the coach, junior and senior line are key and returners to the lineup who are key for the offense.

Irish experts

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Notre Dame has a tough secondary, but Curtis Painter will be hard to keep in check. Notre Dame’s seven points last week is not indicative of how it played in the second half offensively. This is a winnable game for the Irish, but expect Painter to keep it close. Brandon Walker will finally kick his first field goal of the season.

Purdue

Charlie Weis
Managing Editor

NATIONAL

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Notre Dame 24
Purdue 21

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Notre Dame 21
Purdue 20
The defense has given up back-to-back 100-yard rushing games to McCaffery and Ringer. They struggled to stop the run against Michigan's spread, which Purdue also runs. It will be tough to shut down the ground game if they stay with a nickleback.

Kory Sheets torched the Irish for 140 yards and two touchdowns last year. The fifth-year senior is on the verge of breaking a slew of Purdue rushing records and has looked impressive as a workhorse back so far in his last year with the team.

Despite their first game without an interception, the Irish secondary continued to impress by locking down the Spartan receivers, for the most part. Sergio Brown and Gary Gray are two emerging as playmakers along with the rest of the veteran defensive backs.

Desmond Tardy is a dangerous returner averaging over 30 yards per return including a 70-yarder in the season opener against No. Colorado. Chris Summers is a respectable 5-for-7 on field goal attempts.

Purdue will be looking to send Coach Tiller out with a big win over their in-state rivals. The verdict is still out on the Boilermakers and a win in South Bend could prove that they are the real deal in 2009.

Purdue 2008 Schedule

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Purdue Boilermakers

Purdue cut its losses in Week 5.

**Roster**

**Joe Tiller**
12th season at Purdue
career record: 93-54 against Notre Dame: 5-6

**Coaches:**
NR

**Score:**
2-1

**Celebrity Pick:**
Eli Manning, quarterback, New England Patriots
well-known celebrity without much of an N.D. root.

**Bill Plaschke**
I.A Times Columnist

The last I looked, who was honestly about a decade ago, Purdue's nickname was "The Boilermakers." I'm sorry, but I just cannot pick a team whose mascot is a shot of liquor accompanied by a boor. What, was "The Keggers" taken? Notre Dame wins on a touchdown catch by the favorite player of my daughter Tessa and her buddies at Furley and FL, some Dormer named Golden.

**Awards:**

**Final Score:**
Notre Dame 24, Purdue 17
### Crunching the numbers

#### 2008 Season Averages Per Game

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**Where is your favorite place to eat off-campus?**

I love McDonald's. Chicken nuggets, Double Cheeseburger... Dollar Menu.

**If we looked at your iPod, what's the most played song?**

I listen to a lot of Young Jeezy's new album, Gucci Mane. I'm from the South so I pretty much, T.I., Jay-Z.

**What's the hardest class you've had at ND?**

I gotta say philosophy with Ms. Jensen. Intro to Philosophy.

**Who's the toughest guy you've ever played against?**

I went against Jake Long, but I would say the tackle from Boston College [Cherilus]. He was huge. Once he put his hands on me, I chopped his hands as hard as I could and they didn't move.

**What's your favorite TV show?**

The guys and me have been hooked on "Heroes" lately. With the new series just starting to come out, so "Heroes" right now.

**Did you pick number 56 for a reason?**

That was just the number they gave me. I had 12 in high school, so I was expecting to get 12 but Coach [Weis] don't play that. Coach do the number system like the NFL.

**Do you have a pre-game ritual?**

Not really. I just put my headphones on and listen to my music. Just get in my own zone, my own little world.

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Turkovich eases into left tackle position

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

So far this season, Notre Dame's offensive line has given up three sacks, which is as many as it surrendered in the first quarter of last season. On major part of that is the personnel changes made in the trenches, especially at left tackle.

Senior Mike Turkovich took over the duty of protecting quarterback Jimmy Clausen's blind side this season, replacing senior Paul Duncan.

Turkovich played all of last season, starting every game at left guard, before making the transition in the spring. He said the transition was a result of the rotation of the offensive linemen did during training camp to find the best fit.

"In the spring, we were rotating guys around and offensive line coach Hohn Latina said, 'Could you go in at tackle today?' And I was working with the backs up in case I was getting back in the rotation (after) an injury," Turkovich said.

Turkovich said he felt comfortable with the switch to the outside of the line right away.

"I thought, 'Hey, this is your chance. Just play with no regard. You can't be thinking out there. Just do your job and do it fundamentally sound,'" he said.

Latina said that the transition from guard to tackle is a more difficult one than from tackle to guard because you are more isolated and facing a different kind of rusher. Playing in what the coach called "a phone book amount of space," a guard is generally matched up against a large, defensive tackle. But an offensive tackle has to block speedier defensive ends and linemen one-on-one.

One main reason Turkovich has been able to transition so easily is because he has played the position before. His first two years at Notre Dame were spent as a tackle before he moved inside last season.

Turkovich said he made the switch to guard because Latina said it would be his best fit.

Turkovich also played tackle in high school, started his football career as a tight end.

"In high school I was a tight end that ate himself into the tackle position," he said. "I weighed 215, 210 my junior year of high school and bulked up my senior year." Turkovich included his teammates with easing his transition back to tackle, especially left guard Eric Olsen.

"If you play next to a guy like Eric [Olsen], he's a good player and he makes it easier on you. You know he's going to do his job," Turkovich said. "You can trust him. Same thing with tight ends, you can trust them. It made the transition easier.

This season, Turkovich has been better than expected on the line, as evident by the fact that Clausen has yet to get hit from his blind side. And during last week's 23-7 victory at Michigan, it was when the line surrendered its only three sacks of the season, the Spartans' biggest offensive line advantage of the season. Turkovich said the offensive line's improved play was because Latina made the transition in the spring.

"We can get better as far as the run game and get better with our fundamentals," he said. "Last game they were getting pressure and getting sacks and we can't win if that happens."

Even with the line's marked improvement this season, something Turkovich has been a solid performer for, Latina remains his biggest critic.

"Even if I make a block on a play, I'll still [thinking] I could be better. This is my last year, I have to go out there and play. Don't play, it's going to be the end of your career," he said.

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Irish look to slow down Purdue RB Sheets

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Last Saturday Purdue trailed Central Michigan 25-24 with just over a minute left of the clock. A loss would drop the Boilermakers to 1-2 with two consecutive losses.

That's when they handed the ball to Kory Sheets. Sheets broke through the line, juked a last linebacker and ran the rest of the field for a 60-yard touchdown.

"He definitely has some moves, I think we all saw that last week," Purdue defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said.

Sheets has been on virtually every sports highlight reel last weekend, left the Central Michigan line backer scratching his head and looking for his jack strap.

"Kory has done a heck of a job being the full-time guy," Irish head coach Charlie Weis said. "The guy's got good speed, he's got good quicks. He likes to run north and south, which is great balance that the team has spent a good deal of time working on their technique.

"I think we just have to take what we've learned in the past two weeks and apply it on the field this time," said Irish safety and leading tackler Kyle McCarthy.

Kuntz said that the best way to stop Sheets is to send as many gold helmets to the ground as possible.

"Definitely wrapping up and gang tackling. It's going to take a lot of running to the football," he said.

Last year in Purdue's 33-19 win over Notre Dame in West Lafayette, Ind., the defense had some problems getting Sheets to the ground. He racked up 141 yards and a touchdown on his 27 carries.

Corwin Brown said Sheets is so dangerous because of the great balance that the Purdue offense displays. With fellow fifth-year senior Duris Painter at quarterback, the Boilermakers are able to keep defenses guessing by spreading the ball around the field and then making a few key tackles after the touches he needs.

"I think we might even run one more time," McCarthy said.

The Irish said they aren't out for revenge after giving up the 141 yards last season, but they could make a statement by playing a complete game on defense this week.

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Purdue running back Kory Sheets attempts to outrun defenders during a Boilermakers game last season.

Irish tackle Mike Turkovich looks downfield during Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan on Sept. 13.
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