New research park breaks ground
Facilities will support high-level research; first building to be finished in 2009

By MADENE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame joined forces with the South Bend community Friday to break ground on the construction of Innovation Park at Notre Dame, a technology park focused on transforming high-level research from theory to practical application. University Provost Thomas Burish said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The aim of the park is to "facilitate the transformation of innovative ideas into viable marketplace ventures," according to the company's mission statement.

Innovation Park will foster research in areas such as aerospace, the environment, nanoelectronics, life sciences and more, Burish said.

It will be a learning environment for students and will hopefully make South Bend more economically vibrant, he said.

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Saint Mary's professor writes body image book

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Ask any woman about her personal feelings towards her body and odds are that she is discontented about something. Body dissatisfaction is most commonly associated with eating disorders, but it encompasses much more, Bettina Spencer, associate professor of psychology said. Terri Russ, an associate professor at Saint Mary's College set out to prove just that, she said.

Russ's book "Bl****te Bodies: Young Women Talk About Body Dissatisfaction" started as a seminar essay for a class on friendship in the fall of 2000, she said. Thinking she would find a myriad of information about friendship and body dissatisfaction, she was surprised at the lack of available information, Russ said.

"There was information about ways the media affects how women view themselves and about eating disorders," Russ said. "But there was nothing about how women live with body dissatisfaction, how they talk about it."

Eight years later, her research has developed into her first solo publication, she said.

Duncan reveals 'Highlander' mascot

By ROBERT SINGER
Sports Writer

A band of highlanders from Duncan Hall breached the gates of the Joyce Center on Friday evening to help host the pep rally. The other host dorms were Lyons Hall, St. Edward's Hall, Walsh Hall, Lewis Hall and Badin Hall.

Though the name "Highlander" was announced a week ago, it marked the first time that the Duncan mascot has been displayed to the public.

Many Duncan Hall residents in attendance sported T-shirts bearing the official design, a silhouette of the Scottish warrior. Others held the battle cry, donning kilts and war paint and arming themselves with plastic swords and shields.

They were pleased with their mascot, emphasizing its toughness.

"It's intimidating, it's Braveheart meets Notre Dame," writer Graham Austin said.

Other Duncan residents at the pep rally commented that the choice was a good fit for their dorm's Scottish heritage.

Residents of Duncan Hall dressed in costume for Friday's pep rally where their new mascot, the Highlander, was revealed.

Gryffindor defeats Slytherin on Stepan Fields

ND students organize, play Quidditch game

By JENN METZ
News Editor

If you paid attention to the scoreboard during Saturday's Irish victory over the Boilermakers of Purdue, you would have seen something strange appear between the results of other football games across the nation: Gryffindor: 170, Slytherin 60.

No, you weren't dreaming. The score of a land Quidditch match, based on the immensely popular game for wizards, was displayed Saturday, much to the surprise of the members of the rival House teams.

"I guess the score got up there by magic," junior Tamato Takakura, of Gryffindor, said.

Takakura, and nine other Notre Dame students suited up in their Quidditch robes — meaning regular athletic apparel and cupes of either scarlet or forest green — to play the magical sport, adapted, of course, for Muggles.

Junior Tim Latham, who played for Slytherin, told The Observer how one plays the game — typically played on flying broomsticks — on land.

"Exactly the way you would if you were a wizard," he said.

"Except you put a broom between your legs and run..."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Ethan: 'Lost' and found

I thought you were out of my life forever.

Last year, over Christmas break, I had my tonsils removed and a deviated septum fixed in one operation. For a few weeks, I couldn’t do much except eat soft food, pop Percocet like it was candy and watch "Lost." I never got into "Lost" when it first premiered, but when I was stuck at home in the recliner, I decided it would be a good time to check it out.

Like millions of others too puny and insecure, I became instantly hooked, and stayed up late at night watching the DVDs.

For those of you who aren’t fans of the show, Ethan was an "other," or someone who was on the island before the plane crashed in the first episode. He grew some eyebrows. He tried to abduct Claire, a pregnant woman on the island, and he tried to kill another character, Charlie.

But what really got to me was his face. I didn’t just have this face that scared the crap out of me. And when you’re watching TV at 2 a.m., all the lights are off and everyone’s asleep, seeing Ethan’s face, full of mysteriously bad intentions, is enough to send chills up your spine.

When I was younger, I hated the dark. I dreaded having to turn off all the lights and walk up our stairs by myself completely dark. I never felt that way for years — then I saw Ethan. For about a week, as I walked up the stairs, I was afraid that Ethan, hisCreepy grinning face illuminated by the glow of a nightlight, was waiting to kill me at the top of the stairs.

Then, eight weeks after a few more episodes and seven nights of waking up in a cold sweat, Charlie killed Ethan. Now, even when Ethan shows up in a flashback, I don’t care because I know he gets killed. So no more nightmares — until now.

I think it’s all right. How do I know? I saw him getting lunch in South Dining Hall on Friday.

I was walking out of the DIW with two friends, both of whom go by the name "Lost" fans, when we spotted him making his way around the stations. I have trouble with fans of Ethan. I mean, I don’t know if I knew him or just saw him? I don’t even know if I saw him. But why would he be at Notre Dame?

If Ethan’s played by an actor named William Mapother, who, according to his official website, graduated from Notre Dame in 1987 with a degree in English literature. I dunno, Murphy, an Observer-sports editor, told me Mr. Mapother spoke to one of his classes last week, and I’m sure he stayed for the football game.

I regret this now, but I didn’t approach Mr. Mapother to say "Hi" or "Hi." I know all the nightmares he gave me a few months ago. Plus, I’m sure he’s probably tired of people saying "Hey are you Ethan?" I’m sure he’s hearing enough of that the rest of his life.

Thankfully, I’ve slept the past two nights without any problems, but my mind will never be completely at ease.

Even if he is a Doctor, Ethan is still out there.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** If you got to meet Sarah Palin in person, what would you say?

Jenni Ross, senior off-campus

"I can see Canada from my house."

David Onuschek, senior off-campus

"I think global warming is God hugging us closer too."

Tim Scallen, senior off-campus

"'Hot for teacher,' by Van Halen."

Jared McBrady, junior Knott

"Will you marry me?"

Matt Thomas, junior Knott

"Will you marry him?"

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**IN BRIEF**

A lecture entitled, "Women & Conflict: Does Transitional Justice Have a Gender?" on Monday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. will be given by Nabiha Valji, of the Transitional Justice Programme, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa. This event is open, free, to the public, and located in C-103 Hesburgh Center. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, in conjunction with the Hispanic Law Students Association, in sponsoring "Yearning to Breathe Free: Immigration and the American Dream," a symposium on immigration, on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Law School courtroom.

Haiti experts from campus and abroad will be leading Round Table Discussions on Tuesday, from 7-9 p.m. in McKenna Hall entitled "Why Haiti?"

The film, "The Fog of War" a documentary about the life of former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara will be shown on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center. The film, directed by Errol Morris, follows McNamara’s life from WWII through the Vietnam War. It won the 2004 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature and the Independent Spirit Award for Best Documentary Feature.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.

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**OFFBEAT**

Woman finds bat in coffee filter after drinking

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — It wasn’t just the caffeine that gave an Iowa woman an extra jolt after she had her morning coffee. It was also the bat she found in the filter.

The Iowa Department of Public Health says the woman reported a bat in her house but wasn’t too worried about it. She turned on her automatic coffee maker before bedtime and drank her coffee the next morning.

She discovered the bat in the filter when she went to clean it that night. The woman has undergone treatment for possible rabies.

Public Health officials say that the bat was sent to a lab but that its brain was too cooked by the hot water to determine whether it had rabies.

Man steals uniform, poses as Dodger

LOS ANGELES — A man faces criminal charges for allegedly stealing a uniform from Dodger Stadium and posing as one of the team’s players.

Ronald Higgins pleaded not guilty to several charges Friday, including burglary and trespassing.

The 47-year-old Higgins was arrested Wednesday morning after a security guard found him walking on the field in a Dodgers uniform and holding a glove with two balls. Higgins allegedly identified himself as a Dodgers player, but the guard recognized him from an earlier incident and called police.

Prosecutors say Higgins’ clothes were later found in the bats boys locker room. It was not immediately clear where he got the uniform.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Charity walk attracts over 75 dogs

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Yesterday afternoon, the South Bend area community came together in front of the Rockne Memorial to participate in the 3rd Annual Domer Doggy Walk.

The dog walk's proceeds go to support the program's charity. "This is a very beautiful statue," said Saint Mary's Are deprived Associate Director John Kovach.

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Century-old statue protects College

St. Michael statue on Saint Mary's campus has history of watching over students, Sisters

By ALICIA SMITH
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around like a bolt.

For those unfamiliar with the traditional rules, each Quidditch team normally consists of seven players: three Chasers, two Beaters, one Keeper and one Seeker. Full explanation of the rules can be found in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

The two teams who competed Saturday were made up of 10 residents of Kinnon and Pasquerilla West Halls. One Chaser and one Beater were removed from each roster.

Peter Mushenheim, who did not know that much about Quidditch prior to playing, was one of the organizers of the match. To get people involved, he scheduled an event on Facebook. The only preparation for the match was a group watching of "Wizard People, Dear Reader: An Unauthorized Retelling of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," he said.

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Both the topic and the style in which the book is written appealed to students present at the book release. Lauren Toth, one of Russ' students, is excited to read the book.

"I think that the coolest part about it is the stories at the beginning of all the chapters," Toth said. "That's why I've taken the voice that I have. I want to share information with them, not talk at them.

The book is available at Saint Mary's Bookstore. Russ has a blog by the same name as the book that deals with the same issues and has opportunities for discussion, she said. In addition, the book is currently working on a complement to her first publication, a book titled "From Me Back," an anthology of essays, stories, and poems about personal body dissatisfactions composed by men and women of all ages, she said.

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Residents brace for severe weather, power outages as Hurricane Kyle approaches

Associated Press

MACIAS, Maine  Fishermen moved boats to shelter from a rare burst of tropical weather along Maine's rugged eastern coast Sunday, as authorities warned that weakening Hurricane Kyle spun past on its way to Canada, threatening a glancing blow equivalent to a classic nor'easter.

A hurricane watch for Maine was discontinued Sunday, but a tropical storm watch remained in effect in remaining areas. It was a far cry from four years ago, when the last time Maine was under a tropical storm watch, the area was threatened by a Category 1 storm's tropical rain and floodwaters.

A total of 263 candidates, including 70 from the opposition, were competing in Sunday's elections for 110 parliamentary seats.

China's spacewalk team returns home

BEIJING — Three Chinese astronauts emerged from their capsule Sunday after a milestone mission to carry out the country's first spacewalk.

The crew had radioed in their goal to perform docking activities with the target vehicle.

It happened near Andrews AFB.

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Associated Press

Pirates demand $20 million ransom

Some 13 million-digit prime numbers discovered

A long-sought milestone that makes them only the fifth such primes ever discovered, and the first to be verified.

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Associated Press

Pirates seized the Ukrainian-operated ship Faina off the coast of Somalia on Thursday as it headed to Kenya carrying 33 Russian-built T-72 tanks and a substantial amount of ammunition and spare parts. The ordnance was ordered by the Kenyan government.

The guided missile destroyer USS Howard was stationed off the Somali coast on Sunday, making sure that the pirates did not remove the tanks, ammunition and other heavy weapons from the ship, which was anchored off the coast.

A spokesman for the U.S. 5th fleet said the Navy remained "deeply concerned" over the fate of the ship's 21-member crew and cargo.

In a rare gesture of cooperation, the Americans appeared to be keeping an eye on the Faina until the Russian missile frigate Neustrashimyy or Intrepid reaches the area. The Russian ship was still in the Atlantic on Sunday, the Russian navy reported.

Pirate spokesman Sugule Ali said he was speaking Sunday from the dock of the Faina via a satellite phone and verified his location by handing the phone over to the ship's captain, who also spoke with the AP. It was not possible to further confirm their identities.
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The local news actually showed up, and promptly find a McCain supporter and couldn’t find an interview.”

Spencer Howard
College Democrats co-president

“I felt McCain’s parts were more substantial, she said. A few buildings away from the Coleman-Morse debate watch, "The Notre Dame College Democrats had their own debate watch at club president Ed Yap’s apartment. "I think debate is a won this debate," Yap said. "It showed how strong he is on foreign policy and how he would be the leader that leads us through this current war in Iraq and Afghanistan and brings lasting peace to America." Yap said his apartment was crowded with McCain supporters, and also a few undecided voters. The crowd was enthusiastic said – they ran out of McCain-Palin stickers. Two more presidential debates are scheduled, on Oct. 7 and Oct. 15.

ND Votes ’08 will host a debate-watch for the vice presidential debate between Republican candidate Gov. Sarah Palin and Democratic candidate Sen. Joe Biden on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge. The Notre Dame Debate Team will provide post-debate commentary in the lounge at 10:30 p.m., according to an e-mail from ND Votes ’08.

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“The Duncan family is Scottish, and Highlanders are Scots, so we can at least do a tribute to them," freshman Nico Volsky said. “Duncan is a Scottish name and we’re right near the golf course, so we asked ourselves how we can build on the Scottish heritage,” senior Josh Varick said. The Duncan family, the main benefactors of the hall, has ancestral roots in Scotland and will be visiting next week for the dorm’s inauguration.

“We are trying to give a Scottish heart to our dorm which has a Scottish name,” senior Chip Brady said. “We want to get the ideas come to life,” he said. The company will hire student interns to take part in research and turn their great ideas into reality, Brenner said. “Students will have the opportunity to take what they have learned and turn it into something useful to society,” he said. South Bend mayor Stephen Luecke spoke at the event, emphasizing the importance of Innovation Park to South Bend as well as Notre Dame. “Innovation Park will be a vital economic driver for this region,” he said. “We will stimulate new jobs and investments throughout South Bend.”

The city of South Bend is proud to join with Notre Dame in the endeavor, Luecke said. “Innovation Park at Notre Dame is the new connector between Town and Gown,” he said. The South Bend community is excited about the research that will happen, but is more excited to see the research turn into commercial projects that will be an economic driver in the region, Luecke said. Together we have an outstanding team that can do and will do successes,” he said. “This idea will succeed.” Indiana’s Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman said Innovation Park will help provide a bright future for the state as a whole as well as the community.

“We couldn’t be more pleased to have this tech park located here...Notre Dame is a great economic engine,” Skillman said. Indiana is becoming the destination of choice for business in the Midwest and this is economic development at its finest, she said.

The park’s first building is scheduled for completion in fall of 2009. It will fill 12 acres of land and house research labs, offices and conference rooms.

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In Brief

Freight train brakeeman sue railroad

LOS ANGELES — The brakeeman on the freight train involved in a deadly collision with a commuter train filed a lawsuit Friday against the commuter railroad and the companies that provide its engine.

The lawsuit, filed by Dominick Fravola and his wife, blames the defendants for not properly signaling on screening, supervising and training the Metrolink engineer who ran his commuter train past a red freight train. Twenty-five people died in the crash, and its subsidiary, the Metrolink engineers.

President Bush called the vote a difficult one for lawmakers but said in a confident tone that they will pass the bill.

"Without this rescue plan, the costs to the American economy could be disastrous," Bush said in a written statement released by the White House. He was speaking publicly about the plan early Monday morning, before U.S. markets open.

Pressing its political muscle, Congress insisted on a stronger hand in controlling the money than the White House had wanted. Lawyers had to negotiate between angry voters with little regard for Wall Street and administration officials who warned that inaction would cause the economy to seize up and spiral into recession.

A deal in hand, Capitol Hill leaders planned to tell teammates in both parties and administration officials who warned that it would mean sewer influence for the administration to get it passed.

The legislation was released Wednesday by House Republicans and Democrats met privately to review it and decide how they would vote.

"We don't have a buyout of Wall Street, it's a buy-in, so that we can turn our economic system around," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

The largest government intervention in financial markets since the Great Depression casts Washington's long shadow over Wall Street. The government would take over huge amounts of devalued assets from beleaguered financial companies in hopes of unlocking frozen credit.

"I don't know of anyone here who wants the center of the economic universe to be Washington," said a top negotiator, Sen. Chris Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. But, he added, "the center of gravity is here temporarily. God forbid it's here any longer than it takes to get credit moving again."

The plan would let Congress block half the money and force the president to jump through some hoops before using it all. The government could get at $250 billion immediately, $100 billion more if the president certified it was necessary, and the last $350 billion with a separate certification — and subject to a congressional resolution of disapproval.

Still, the resolution could be vetoed by the president, meaning it would take extra-large congressional majorities to stop it.

As Bush's team stepped up its efforts to corral reluctant Republicans, the White House released a letter from his budget chief, Jim Nussle, to Republicans saying the measure would cost taxpayers "considerably less" than its eye-popping $700 billion total.

Lawmakers in both parties were poring over the 110-page bill, many were uncertain about how they would vote. Democratic leaders have made it clear they will not support the rescue unless a substantial number of Republicans join them.

Child pornography bill sent to President

WASHINGTON — Congress is sending President Bush several bills that would tighten laws on child pornography use of the Internet.

The House on Friday passed by 418-0 a measure clarifying that anyone who downloaded pornography from the Internet were subject to federal interstate commerce laws and that it was in response to a federal court ruling that prosecutors must show that images were downloaded from a state that had crossed state lines.

"This legislation closes the jurisdictional loophole that allowed a guilty man to escape punishment," said Rep. Nancy Boyda, D-Kan., the bill's sponsor.

The legislation contains another bill sponsored by Rep. Christopher Carney, D-Pa., that would allow prosecutors to include money laundering as a tool in child pornography cases. This would be another loophole that has allowed Internet users to evade child pornography laws by not downloading or saving the images.

The House was also scheduled to take up legislation, passed by the Senate on Thursday, that would provide federal funds to create a nationwide network of trained law enforcement experts to address the problem of child exploitation.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., requires the Justice Department to develop a national strategy to fight child exploitation. It also requires the attorney general to set up a grant program to ensure that local agencies have the resources needed to create robust cyber units with highly trained investigators.

The bill contains a proposal by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., to require more electronic service providers to report online child pornography and make failure to report known child pornography a federal crime.

Currently, Internet service providers are required to report child pornography to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The legislation would expand those companies with reporting obligations to include search engines such as Google and Yahoo!, social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace, domain name registrars and wireless phone carriers.

These companies would not be required to monitor Web sites, but the legislation would triple fines for failing to report child pornography.
Why I write

As an op-ed writer, it's easy to fall into a solipsistic mindset about your small corner of the paper. After all, every week you have to convince yourself that your opinions are good enough to be out there for public consumption, and that you are writing on something worthy of comment. Which is why, in a situation familiar to anyone who has had to write a term paper at the last minute, every two weeks I stare at a blank computer screen in a desperate attempt to find anything worthwhile to say before my deadline passes, and even though something always ends up in the pages of this paper, it's probably far too self-congratulatory to hope that all — or even most — of what ends up here has been decent, let alone intelligent.

There are two main reasons I write this column, which I suspect are true for everyone who contributes to this paper. Obviously, there is plain and simple egoism — the knowledge that several thousand pairs of eyes at least slide past your writing before going on to the sports page (especially on a Monday), and the hope that some of them even stop to read it. Deep down, writers are all quite self-ish. They desire to be read, understood, talked about and, if they get particularly lucky, to be seen as at least clever, if not intelligent.

But during the course of these bi-monthly ego trips, I also try to make everyone who reads this column think just a little harder about the topics on which I write: education in general and Notre Dame in particular. Notre Dame boasts nearly 12,000 students, 5,000 faculty and staff and 120,000 or more alumni — and just as many opinions. Just last week, Viewpoint featured articles and letters about sustainability, parietals, football, underage drinking and politics, among others. Yet every single person who reads this paper has (or has had) a personal stake in educational issues and in Notre Dame's intellectual life there is as much reason for our concern for educational issues to stop once we leave the classroom as there is for our concern for Notre Dame to stop once we set foot off campus.

Still, there is also the risk that Viewpoint writers come off not like thoughtful, nuanced commentators but like gadflies and nitpickers, eternal malcontents who prefer to browbeat their audiences rather than to offer anything constructive. Between deadlines and word limits, op-ed pieces have many strict constraints and they are almost always half-baked. But for all their shortcomings, they all serve a political purpose, not in the sense that each has an ideological axe to grind, but in the broad and very crude sense that they try and push people in a particular direction or to get them to realize that they should uphold a particular cause.

And at a time when politics and ideology are used interchangeably, when ver-similitude (“truthiness”) is more important than truth itself, when some people think that political campaigns are more trustworthy source of information than the media, and when it’s easier to find a blog, a commentator, or a politician to think for you instead of doing the intellectual heavy lifting yourself, I really do believe that education and all its attendant side effects — critical and analytical thought, healthy measures both of skepticism and curiosity and the realization that there is more to the world than our own limited personal experience — is as important now as ever. I have strong opinions on the things that I write about simply because I care about them. If I didn’t, then this column would probably be nothing more than artistic expression, and I’m not much of an artist.

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Letters to the Editor

Don’t vote

Why not vote? Unfortunately, voting does not make you free, and voting in this election will make you any freer. The liberty and freedom this country was founded on, consistently eroded by politicians and others alike, have consistently eroded (when not denied altogether) since that foundation. Even if each voter had the unlikelihood with his or her vote to elect Obama or McCain, we will not see the inflation of the dollar, the theft through taxation of nearly half your day’s work, the intervention abroad and the regulation and government entities that destroy our economy and wreak havoc socially today.

Yes, many around the world and throughout history have suffered terrible injustices at the hands of even more oppressive governments than our own. However, that does not justify the propagation of this government and its continual infringement of our freedom, economically, socially and personally.

While many will be voting for change in this election, the change I believe in cannot be attained at the voting booth. Tell me why you would want to register and go to the polls in November. Because morally I cannot support and practically I cannot stop the repression and the growth of power of the government through my vote.

John Pleska

Show solidarity, keep Charlie

Michael Burrill’s Sept. 26 piece titled “Time for Weis to go,” while articulate, is uninformed and unnecessary. First, we need to take a look at Notre Dame during and after Ty. Ty couldn’t win with his and Dave’s guys. Dave was a good recruiter who recruited McKnight, Stovall, etc. Then, Ty has one class (Quinn’s), but leaves the cupboard bare with the following two classes. In 2004 class, six players stayed with the Irish out of 16 that Ty recruited. Ty followed that class with a 15-man class, of which 11 are still with us. Gorus and other talking heads like to credit this last class (Kuntz’s class) as Charlie’s, but anyone who knows recruiting knows it takes more than a year to recruit these guys, not two weeks. Additionally, I’m in year two and McKnight’s class, even though, again, it takes more than a year to recruit these kids, so that is Dave’s class.

Adding up the numbers, Ty had Brady’s class, then proceeded to recruit 31 players for 50 available spots, retaining 19 players for these 50 spots. There is a lack of numbers in the senior class and fifth-year class from a pure mentorship perspective. There aren’t enough bodies. A player’s junior year is a magic year, when the player tends to mature.

Charlie’s first class is maturing this fall. Wait until next year when Jimmy’s class does the same. This talk of “fire Charlie” is ridiculous and shows a lack of fortitude. I ask The Observer to stay above the regular media irresponsibility by refusing to publish articles like this. I do not care if Weis goes or not, especially when Shue Evans is on campus.

Also, we don’t run bubble screens. Burrill was uninformed about a number of issues.

Sept. 26

SBPD has gone too far

The multi-agency “raid” on an off-campus house Sept. 21, in which 37 Notre Dame students were arrested for underage drinking, must be one of the most colossal wastes of resources in St. Joseph’s County history. According to reports, members of SBPD, St. Joseph’s County Police, Indiana Excise Police and the Indiana State Police joined forces — not to break up a crack ring, but to arrest University of Notre Dame students who were drinking (gasp) beer out of a keg. Yes, underage drinking is illegal, and yes, authorities are there to enforce the law. Nevertheless, instead of writing a few citations and breaking up the party, a patrolling officer felt it necessary to call in pretty much every single member of the Notre Dame police department.

What makes this particularly disturbing is that police resources are said to be in short supply. I recently read an article from the South Bend Tribune from Sept. 24 entitled “Police: Violent Crime Up in South Bend,” detailing the rise of violent crime in South Bend, with the Chief of the South Bend Police Department describing some of the murders as “scary.” It goes on to explain that the Mayor and the Chief of Police believe that budget cuts will make it difficult to reduce crime in the city. It finds that while violent crime escalates, there are still plenty of resources available to persecute the dangerous lot of Notre Dame students.

I attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 2001, and often felt the police went out of their way to hunt students for relatively harmless offenses. Though I do not spend as much time in South Bend now, I have frequently been carded or otherwise hassared while tailgating before football games (I am 29 years old). Students are now banned from tailgating and apparently are not even allowed to have parties in their own off-campus houses when the primary residents are of legal age. Since when was Carrie Nation appointed Chief of Police in South Bend? As a refresher for those who don’t know, which doubtlessly includes every single member of the South Bend Police Department, Carrie Nation was a member of the temperance movement in the early 20th century who made her point by entering bars and smashing the kegs and bottles of alcohol with a hatchet. The idea that Notre Dame is the only place in the country where college students drink before legal age is laughable. While drinking and driving and other more serious crimes should never be tolerated, having a quiet off campus party that results in a SWAT team raid is not only absurd, it is negligent. To think there were other more serious crimes going on Saturday night at the exact moment the police were myopically focused on a few inebriated students with SAT scores in the 99th percentile should make everyone question the priorities of local law enforcement. Aren’t the police paid to serve and protect the public?

This story makes it sound like South Bend police are far more concerned with telling Notre Dame students “just who’s boss.” The residence in question received no noise complaints and the police claimed that an officer driving by “noticed underaged drinking” going on. To describe this official line of the SBPD as preposterous is being generous; it is obvious the students were targeted by the police department. This is from the article I referenced above: “According to statistics released by the South Bend Police Department, there have been 10 murders in South Bend, 24 rapes and 235 aggravated assaults so far this year. Those numbers compare with the same time frame since 2005, and this year the numbers are higher in every category.” I hope the residents of South Bend will have enough sense to demand that their valuable police resources be spent on combating violent crime instead of repressing common college student behavior.

Ellis Carson

Stop the chop

Notre Dame Student Body: Please, please, please do not do the chop after a first down. We are not Florida State University; not only do our athletes and students actually graduate, but we have more class.

Freshmen are not stupid; it’s really not that cute. And sophomores, you should know better. The chop looks horrible and it’s definitely not Notre Dame.

Kevin Kinbry
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Sept. 27
By ANALISE LI帕RI
Scene Editor

Television's longest-running animated series is at it again, and for the twentieth time. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and the rest of the Springfield crew have entered our TV screens once more, with no sign of quitting while they're ahead. The show's lifespan is an impressive one, given the brief shelf lives of most series on any of the major networks, let alone those on Fox. It's a testament to the ability of "The Simpsons" to continually stay relevant, not to mention funny, through two decades of programming. Even a jump to the silver screen in the series' full-length film last year didn't put a stop to the residents of Springfield. If anything, the film, which grossed over $50 million at the box office, strengthened the power of the show. The best of Fox's "Animation Domination" Sunday night lineup, "The Simpsons" can't be missed.

The season premiere of "The Simpsons" spins a Homeric yarn so absurd it will make you laugh out loud, then "Family Guy" seems like a one-trick pony. In fact, it's a small criticism, however, of a show that's been as consistently witty and creative as "The Simpsons." Much has been made of a debate between "Family Guy" and "The Simpsons," and often the teasing and interplay are explicitly done on both shows. When it comes to a discussion of superiority, however, "The Simpsons" will likely be remembered as the better of the two. If the premiere is any indication, it's virtually impossible that this season will be its last.

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By SYMNON RYZNER
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The seventh season of "Family Guy" looks like the sixth before it. With consistent spontaneity and enough pop culture references to stump Ken Jennings, fans can expect to get much more of the same.

The first episode of the season didn't start on a particularly strong note; in fact, it focused on the family's dog Brian, and his search for a love life. Though the narrative was straightforward and mostly uninteresting, references to older episodes are readily available.

The show feels tired after its six-year run, its gags looking for more absurdity and more difficult-to-catch references while the remaining characters are trapped replaying old jokes. Quagmire is still a womanizer, Stewie is still evil and dependent on Brian, and the rest of the characters are shoved aside for the particularly uninteresting story of Cleveland Brown, one of Peter Griffin's friends, who has even managed to get a spin-off show of his own. "The Cleveland Show," as it will be called, will start airing in 2009 and will undoubtedly have the same charm as other MacFarlane shows.

In fact, Cleveland will have a daughter and two sons, one of which appears to be a toddler, not to forget the potential antics of his neighbors, the anthropomorphic bears and a family of rednecks. Hilarity will undoubtedly ensue in this completely original and unique spin-off.

"The Simpsons" has managed to stay relatively fresh with its material, lacking almost every topic under the sun. Perhaps this is because they have a single joke premise that is reused endlessly like the "Family Guy" writers do. Perhaps it's a lack of creativity or effort, but "Family Guy" seems like a one-trick pony.

How does a cartoon stay on the air for 20 years? Maybe humor, gags and allusions are part of it, but sincerity and sentimentality provide the viewers with a stronger bond to these animated characters. It may be too late for the "Family Guy" cast to create some chemistry, but there will no doubt be some hilarious quips. Despite a weak season premiere, the fact remains that if there's one show that can be so absurd it will make you laugh out loud, then "Family Guy" is still that show.

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Notre Dame put up 21 points in the third quarter on their way to a 38-21 win

By JARED JEDICK - Sports Writer

Third quarter? No problem. Prior to Saturday's game Notre Dame had failed to put up a single point in the third quarter this season. This time around was a little bit different.

In the first half Notre Dame basted out of the locker room after a 14-14 halftime deadlock and put 21 third quarter points on Purdue (2-2) to seal a 38-21 win the team needed to prove their mental toughness.

"It's 14-14 at halftime, and basically I told these guys it's the most important drive of the entire season," head coach Charlie Weis said. "It put us with the momentum in our favor and it carried us right into the fourth quarter."

Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen attributed the victory to being prepared to play this week.

"We came out, executed the game-plan, and got a victory, and that's all we really want to do," Clausen said.

The Irish have bunched back nicely from their 23-7 loss to Michigan State, showing a resilience that was lacking last season.

"The line of scrimmage was moving the wrong direction last week," Weis said. "The offensive line took it personal, and they didn't say something about it."

The game started with both teams exchanging punts until Purdue fifth-year senior wide receiver Kyle Rudolph gave Purdue good field position at their own 41-yard line.

Purdue fifth-year senior quarterback Curtis Painter drove the Boilermakers down the field for the score, culminating in a 22-yard TD rush on the misdirection by fifth-year senior running back Kory Sheets.

The Boilermakers had a chance to score again in their next possession, but Purdue junior placekicker Chris Summers pulled the ball wide left on a 28-yard field goal attempt.

"Thankfully they ended up missing that field goal," Weis said. "It could have made the score 10-0 early."

Sophomore placekicker Brandon Walker also missed a field goal to start the second quarter, but the Notre Dame defense stole the momentum when freshman cornerback Robert Blanton intercepted a Painter pass and returned it 47 yards for a touchdown through Boilermaker tacklers to tie the game.

"That was a huge play," Weis said. "That play gets it to a tie ballgame. It really settled every­body down."

Blanton's interception changed the team's perception of how the game was going.

"It was huge," junior linebacker John Ryan said. "At the time we were down, and they almost made it a two score game. Blanton's interception put us right back into the ballgame."

Purdue answered right back, however, driving the ball from their own 22 all the way down to the goal-line where Painter connected with senior wide receiver Aaron Valentine for a 3-yard TD. The question then became could the Irish answer right back and seize back the momentum going into halftime.

The answer was yes, as Clausen connected with freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd on a circus catch over a Purdue defender to set up a 6-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate, knot­ting things up at 14-14 going into the half.

In the second half Clausen and sophomores running back Armando Allen took over.

Clausen threw for two quick first downs to open things up before Allen rushed three times for 8, 21, and 16 yards. The final rush was good for the Irish's first touchdown and points this year in the third quarter.

"It feels great," Allen said. "We went out there and showed people that we really can run the ball. We always hear that we can't run the ball, so to go out there and run the ball effectively is great."

Allen rushed for a career high 136 yards on 17 carries and a TD to carry the Irish running game, taking pressure off Clausen and the wide receivers.

"That was awesome," junior guard Eric Olsen said. "Any time you can get a big run like that, it makes everybody feel great."

Sometimes there are games when you just have to throw the ball the whole time and the defense can just sit off on you, so any time you can run the ball it's great."

Weis was happy to see someone step up in the running game and fill that void in the offense.

"I think [Allen] had a big day," Weis said. "He's been there, you could have been taking a little pressure off us in the running game a little earlier to make a few of these runs."

The resurgence of the running game finally gave Clausen a chance to excel.

Clausen threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Armando Allen and the Irish went up 21-14 going into the fourth quarter.

"I thought he improved a lot," Grimes said. "He's coming up to the line of scrimmage and calling plays just like Brady (Quinn) used to do. I think he grew up a lot today. I'm proud of him."

Painter spoiled a perfect Irish third quarter by connecting with Tardy for a 54-yard TD pass down the right sideline.

The fourth quarter saw just one scoring play for either team, but it was a significant one for the Irish, as Walker successfully converted his first field goal of the year.

"I said look, you are going to have to make a kick here in this game, and it's just like kicking an extra point," Weis said. "For the game specifically it made it a three possession game, so that was the most important part," Walker said. "It boosted my confidence, the coaches' confidence, and the players' confidence in me, so it was a relief."

The Irish defense shot Purdue out for the entire fourth quarter, sealing the win. The Boilermakers struggled to move the ball after losing Sheets to a shoulder injury in the fourth quarter.

"He's had his shoulder get slips on him every now and then. It did that," Purdue head coach Joe Tiller said. "He's in the ve­teran room and he's improving now. He'll be here this week, but hopefully he'll be back."

The win marks Notre Dame's fourth straight win at home stretching back to a 28-7 win over Duke last season.

"We feel for the first time in a while we're starting to feel comfort­able here," Weis said. "We're kind of feeding off our crowd."

The Irish will have the home field advantage once again next weekend when they face Stanford at 2:30 p.m.

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One drive can change it all

At halftime on Saturday, Irish head coach Charlie Weis told his team that the most important drive of the game - and the season - was the opening one of the second half. He said it would define the team's season after an uneven first half and a loss the week before.

That game could obviously have gone either way at that point. For us to be able to take the ball right down the field and score, it kind of put us, you know, with the momentum in our favor and carried it through to the second half, he said.

And fortunately for Weis, his team responded.

The Irish scored just over two minutes into the half of a 16-yard touchdown run by sophomore Armando Allen - the first touchdown in the third quarter this season.

But Notre Dame did not stop there. The Irish scored twice more in the quarter to push their lead to 35-21 going into the final 15 minutes.

This is how you can be confident that this team is nowhere near last year. Notre Dame had only eight first downs in the first half and only carried the ball 14 times for 62 yards, but understood that the offense needed to jump start the Irish going into the second half.

"It was definitely an important drive to start the third quarter," Irish guard Eric Olsen said. "We needed to get points on the board.

If we came out and sputtered, it could have given them the ball right away, and with their high-powered offense, anything can happen."

Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate put it best when he described the Irish team that played the third quarter as a different team completely from the rest of the season.

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Allen back at full speed Saturday

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

It’s been more than two years, he said, but sophomore running back Armando Allen is back.

Allen totaled a career-best 247 all-purpose yards Saturday, including 134 rushing on 17 carries, in his most explosive performance since a left ankle injury robbed him of his senior high school season.

“This off-season I really worked on strengthening my ankle,” Allen said, who was bothered by the injury for parts of his freshman season. “I came into spring ball feeling very confident — but now that I feel better, I think I can produce.”

Allen looked so little like the player who ran for just 71 yards in the season’s first three games that Irish coach Charlie Weis could only ask on the sideline, “Where you been?”

“We talk about it all the time,” Allen said. “I practice hard and sometimes in games it doesn’t go as well as we planned, but today everything was going well.”

Not just for Allen, but for an offensive line that “took it personal” when the Irish mustered only 16 yards on the ground last week at Michigan State, Weis said.

“The line of scrimmage was moving the wrong way last week, but they did something about it,” Weis said.

Junior right tackle Sam Young said the line agreed to “passionately find a way” to make strides in the running game, and 201 team rushing yards later, it “Anytime you get the run game going, it’s positive for the offensive line,” Young said. “It’s a fun game, and it’s meant to be played with emotion.”

Notre Dame out of the halftime intermission with that mindset, and after Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed a pair of long passes to the Purdue 45-yard-line, it was three straight gives to Allen, capped by a 16-yard burst through a gaping hole on the right side that got the Irish into the end zone for a 21-14 lead.

“Brilliant,” Young said. “Our job is to make Armando job easy. He found the holes and just skated right through them.”

Sam Young

Irish junior

“Your job is to make Armando’s job easy. He found the holes and just skated right through them.”

Irish sophomore running back Armando Allen breaks free of a Purdue tackler during one of his 17 carries in Notre Dame’s 38-21 win on Saturday.

“I really felt comfortable,” Allen said. “It wasn’t just Allen who enjoyed the fruits of the offensive line’s labors. Junior James Aldridge (8 carries, 34 yards) and sophomore Robert Hughes (9 carries, 26 yards) each ran with infinitely more success than they did a week ago against the Spartans.

“Our backfield is full of talent, so never who’s in the game you’re going to get the same production,” Allen said.

It was his day, though, as the Irish spread the field and allowed Allen to find space on a heavy diet of stretch plays that called for him to get outside the tackle box and use his speed.

“We went out there today, with the offensive line doing a great job, and it really felt comfortable,” Allen said. “It really gave me the opportunity to go out there and do what I can do best.”

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Notre Dame running on all cylinders

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

After rushing for just 16 yards in a team in last weekend’s loss to Michigan State, Notre Dame improved by 185 yards on 213 carries in Saturday’s win over Purdue.

Sophomore running back Armando Allen rejoined ground game with a career-high 134 yards. Junior James Aldridge (8 carries, 34 yards), sophomore Robert Hughes (9-28) and sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen (5-8) contributed to the total.

Saturday marked the ninth time a Charlie Weis-led Notre Dame team rushed for more than 200 yards, and the 5.0 yards per carry average ties for the sixth-best since Weis took the helm in 2005.

Pick-six

Freshman defensive back Robert Blanton’s 47-yard interception return for a touchdown made him the fifth Irish freshman to return a pick for a touchdown.

Vontez Duff was the last Notre Dame player to return an interception for a touchdown against Purdue. Duff returned one of three Irish defensive touchdowns on Sept. 7, 2002.

Coverage dominance

Not only did the Irish kick-off unit limit the nation’s second-best return team to 13.9 yards per return (compared to the Boilermakers’ 31.8 yard average coming in), but they kept Desmond Tardy, the nation’s leader with a 40.3 yard return average, from regaining a single kick return.

Notre Dame entered the game allowing an average of 14.0 yards per return, good for third in the country.

Senior Mike Audio made his team-leading eighth special teams tackle on aopening kickoff. Seven of his eight tackles were solo.

The ‘Golden’ Boy

Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate caught his third touchdown of the season and the fourth of his career. Tate also caught a touchdown pass against Purdue last season.

He finished with five receptions for 64 yards, giving him 20 catches for 367 through four games. He leads the Irish in receptions, yards, touchdowns and yards per catch (18.4).

Adios, Coach

Purdue coach Joe Tiller, who earlier this year announced he would step down at season’s end, became the fourth in 57 career games against the Irish, including 1-5 in the series.

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Notre Dame 7, Purdue 0
Kory Sheets 22-yard run with 8:44 remaining.

Driving: 6 plays, 59 yards, 4:18 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 14, Purdue 7
Aaron VanHoose 3-yard pass from Curtis Painter with 4:46 remaining.

Driving: 14 plays, 76 yards, 5:10 elapsed

Purdue 14, Notre Dame 21
Golden Tate 6-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 2:33 remaining.

Driving: 6 plays, 65 yards, 2:11 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 28, Purdue 14
Armando Allen 10-yard run with 12:56 remaining.

Driving: 5 plays, 81 yards, 2:04 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Purdue 14
Kate Rudolph 5-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 6:37 remaining.

Driving: 11 plays, 78 yards, 4:36 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Purdue 21
Desmond Tardy 54-yard pass from Curtis Painter with 2:24 remaining.

Driving: 4 plays, 84 yards, 1:13 elapsed

Notre Dame 45, Purdue 21
David Grimes 30-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 1:24 remaining.

Driving: 9 plays, 54 yards, 4:00 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 38, Purdue 14
Brandon Walker 45-yard field goal with 10:26 remaining.

Driving: 9 plays, 64 yards, 3:56 elapsed

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Youth ruled the day for the Irish. Sophomore sensations Jimmy Clausen and Armando Allen both had career days. Allen with 134 yards rushing on 17 attempts and Clausen with three touchdown passes and no interceptions. Their classmate Golden Tate also added his third touchdown reception of the year. Freshmen Kyle Rudolph and Robert Blanton also added big touchdowns as the Irish rolled to a 38-21 victory over the Boilermakers. Michael Floyd also added 100 yards receiving for the freshmen class. The game remained close through two quarters. But Notre Dame emerged from the locker room after half time as a team possessed. They put together three third quarter scoring drives which put the game out of reach. And placekicker Brandon Walker put an exclamation point on the decisive win with a 41-yard field goal in the third quarter.
Whether or not you're actually from Texas, it's easy to find humor on "King of the Hill." Hank Hill and his crew are your easygoing drinking buddies, hanging out on a weekday after easygoing drinking buddies, personality and Peggy's brand of quirkiness are the basis of this animated nuclear family. Often overlooked by fans of Fox's other animated series, "King of the Hill" deserves a second look.

"King of the Hill" returns to the Animation Domination lineup with "Dia-BILL-ic Shock," its premiere episode for the show's eleventh season. Airing just after "The Simpsons" is a prime time slot, and "King of the Hill" undoubtedly benefits from the residual audience. In the premiere, Hank's friend Bill, a snacker with a passion for sweets, collapses at the local carnival after showing Bobby and Hank how to ask for a lollipop wrapped in cotton candy. His cantankerous doctor tells him that he is showing signs of adult onset diabetes, prompting Bill to start using a wheelchair. Famously enough, the chair introduces him to a paraplegic rugby player named Thunder, who shows Bill the bright side—or, perhaps the crasser side—of life on two wheels. In one memorable scene, Bill and Thunder visit a local bar and spy several good-looking women on the dance floor. Thunder, all braggadocio and self-confidence, tells Bill that, "women find men in chairs non-threatening...Suckers!"

"American Dad" finds itself in the funny position of trying to play second act to "Family Guy," one of Fox's most popular shows. Also a creation of Seth MacFarlane, "American Dad" can't help but draw comparisons to its lead-in. Granted, Stewie isn't exactly a German goldfish, but the similarities are there. Still, whether or not "Family Guy" fans stick around, "American Dad" is trying to forge its own cartoon identity.

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To many, "American Dad" has become "that show that airs after "Family Guy."" The story of C.I.A. agent Stan Smith and his family is very reminiscent of Peter Griffin and his, though the humor of "American Dad" seems to play or taboos and a complete disregard for political correctness.

The shock value of "American Dad" seems to be the only goal of its jokes, and the characters are set up for it perfectly. The nerdy son, Steve, is experiencing puberty, an awkward time for most; the daughter of the conservative Stan, Hayley, is an extreme liberal; the family is shocked with the presence of an extremely flamboyant alien named Roger and a German goldfish named Klaus. Exploiting all of these stereotypical characters is at the heart of "American Dad," as is satirizing politics and the media.

The season premiere dealt with Roger and his upcoming 1,600th birthday. It's an important day in the life of his particular alien species, and the start of Steve's puberty, a phase that the Smiths would rather avoid entirely. These two premises comprise the entirety of the storyline, with Roger being constantly ignored due to Steve's puberty and the forced changes his parents induce to avoid the raging hormones and oily skin.

Though ripe for a parody of Mtv's "My Super Sweet Sixteen," and various famous teen high school shows, "American Dad" only really achieves minimal allusion by ending with a "Sixteen Candles" reference. Ultimately, it feels like the writers missed more opportunities for witiness than they achieved, and thus showed why the show is second to "Family Guy" and more of a place to dish second-rate jokes.

This second show from Seth MacFarlane has never really achieved strong footing with viewers. Though it follows the ever-popular "Family Guy" and possesses a similar humor, almost half the viewers choose to change the channel when it comes on. Its ratings, though, have been stable, and it does about as well as the much longer running "King of the Hill," a popular show with critics.

As it appears to be with "Family Guy," "American Dad" simply needs to achieve a strong connection with its fans, the family itself needs more character and unity, and the premises and jokes need to be thought out and properly placed.

A show that is ripe for dishing out satire and "un-pc" jokes should do a better job of establishing this identity and sticking to it. The show will undoubtedly have its humorous episodes with strong wit, but overall this season premiere was underwhelming.
N.F.L.

Injured Favre has career day in win over Cardinals

Browns' quarterback Anderson keeps starting job with fourth-quarter surge; Chiefs end 12-game losing streak

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — sewer ankle and all, Brett Favre joined Broadway Joe in the Jets' record books.

Favre set a career high and tied Namath's Jets mark with six touchdown passes, including three to Santana Moss and New York took advantage of a worrisome second-half collapse by Arizona in a big second quarter before holding on to beat the Cardinals 56-33 on Sunday.

"Throwing six touchdown passes was awesome," Favre said. "That had nothing to do with how I felt. I played it our way. Those were good times. More importantly, I felt the overall game itself. I managed it well.

Favre, nursing the sore left ankle injury that bothered him during the week, finished 24-for-34 for 289 yards and an interception for the Jets (2-2).

"I asked him if he had tied a career high and he said: 'I've never done that before,' " said Jerome Bettis, who had two TD catches. "That was like the end of the conversation because I'm scratching my head. 'I've never done that before.' "

It's six touchdown passes before? He played great today.

"He was just dialing it up and selling everybody, get ready. The ball is coming."

Arizona wide receiver Anquan Boldin was moved to the field after a scary helmet-to-helmet collision with New York safety Eric Smith in the end zone with 27 seconds remaining to put all his extremities on the field and was talking to his teammates, but was immediately and taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in New York for pre-cautionary reasons.

"He's all right," Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "He's fine. We asked to get up and do the doctors for sure."

New York's defense rattled Kurt Warner and forced three turnovers and executed a safety in the first half, and the Jets set the tone with an interception taking 34 points in the second quarter.

"That's more like it," safety Kerry Rhodes said. "We came after them with some looks and wrinkles they hadn't seen."

Jets quarterback Brett Favre, right, hugs wide receiver Laveraneus Coles after Coles caught a touchdown pass Sunday in the second quarter of New York's 56-33 win over Arizona.

Cleveland 20, Cincinnati 12

Three quarters, three touchdowns.

Cleveland's offense was having another meltdown day, and Derek Anderson was running out of chances to keep his job. But Anderson may have had the good moment was enough to save his job—and the Browns' season.

With Brady Quinn on the sideline ready to take over at any time Sunday, the embattled Anderson threw a touchdown pass and rallied the Browns to a victory over a winless Cincinnati Bengals to complete the team's first winning streak in 17 quarters, three points.

"I decided to give him another chance," said coach Romeo Crennel, who concluded diplomatic efforts to trade Anderson and took advantage of it.

Anderson threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Braylon Edwards (1-3) ahead to stay in the fourth quarter, his best play on an afternoon that had few of them. Even that moment came with an asterisk: A Bengals penalty wiped out a potential interception on the drive. Anderson wore a green T-shirt, tan cargo shorts, brown flip-flops and a big grin to his postgame news conference. He cut off the first mention of losing his job.

"Nope, don't go there," said Anderson, who went 15-of-24 for 138 yards with an interception. "I stayed in the game. You're not going to score every single down."

He had help from the down-and-out Bengals.

Carson Palmer rastered a sure passing bullpen that forced him to miss a game for the first time since 2004, a huge setback for a struggling offense. Cincinnati couldn't do much behind Ryan Fitzpatrick, who hadn't completed a pass in a regular-season game in three years.

Fitzpatrick threw three interceptions and finished the game as Cincinnati's leading rusher with 41 yards on four scrambles, underscoring the Bengals' futility. They're 0-4 for the first time since 2002, when they went a franchise-worst 2-12-1 that got coach Dick LeBeau fired.

"We desperately needed this one," Fitzpatrick said. "This was a devastating loss for us in terms of dropping to 0-4 and going to Dallas next week."

Kansas City 33, Denver 19

It did not seem like 11 months to Brian Waters since Kansas City's last victory.

"It seemed like 10 years," said the veteran left guard, grinning ear-to-ear. "It's a sigh of relief to be able to have a little bit of joy in your life."

Larry Johnson, two weeks after complaining that he was being phased out, ran for 198 yards and two touchdowns to lead the previously winless Chiefs past the previously unbeaten Broncos Sunday, snapping a franchise-record 12-game losing streak.

"It's like getting the whole world off your back," said rookie quarterback Brandon Flowers, whose 37-yard fumble return set up Johnson's 1- yard TD run. "Twelve games, that's real tough."

The Chiefs had not won since Oct. 21, 2007. Until Nick Novak kicked the first of his three field goals in the first quarter, they hadn't even held a lead since halftime against Tennessee on Dec. 16—a span of 22 quarters.

"It was ridiculous," safety Jarrad Page said. "Coming in after that game was one of the best feelings I've had in the NFL."

The Broncos (3-1) put up numbers befitting the highest-scoring team in the league. Jay Cutler threw for 361 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown to lead Brandon Marshall. But he was also intercepted twice, and the Broncos gave up two fumbles.
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Team Record

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chipper Jones walked in his only at-bat against Houston on Sunday and earned his first National League batting title, edging St. Louis’ Albert Pujols.

Jones finished with a career-high .364 average; Pujols went 1-for-2 on Sunday to finish at .357. Jones’ average was the highest for an NL batting champ since Barry Bonds won with a .370 average in 2002.

“It’s a tremendous feather in the cap, from an individual standpoint,” Jones said. “It’s one of those things that brings instant credibility. Hopefully, I already had it around the league. But once you have the label of batting champion, you’re respected and recognized by that.”

Jones drew a pinch-hit walk against Jose Valverde in the ninth inning Sunday and fell just shy of Mickey Mantle’s season record for a switch hitter. Mantle batted .365 in 1957.

“When I was growing up, there were two guys that I wanted to be mentioned with, when I was done playing—Mickey Mantle and Eddie Murray,” Jones said. “I’m starting to reach that kind of company now and I’m honored and humbled to be there.”

The 36-year-old Jones is the oldest switch-hitting batting champion in history. Bill Mueller was 32 when he won the NL crown with Boston in 2003. Mueller was also the last switch hitter to win a batting title, though Jones is the first switch hitter to take the NL title since Terry Pendleton won in 1991 with Atlanta. Pendleton is now the Braves’ hitting coach.

“Obviously, I would trade a batting title for being in the playoffs,” Jones said. “But being in the batting race the last couple of years has given me a lot of motivation to play the season out.”

The Braves also finished last season in Houston and Jones went 0-for-3 in the final game to lose the batting title to Colorado’s Matt Holliday. Jones finished with a career-best .337 average, but Holliday hit .340.

Jones said he didn’t think about the batting title as much this season and hit better as a result.

NCAA Football

MIAA Women’s Volleyball Standings

Team

Record

League overall

1 Hope 7-0 16-2

2 Alma 5-1 13-5

3 Calvin 5-2 11-4

4 SAINT MARY’S 4-3 11-5

5 Albion 4-3 11-7

6 Adrian 3-9 7-9

7 Trine 2-6 5-10

8 Kalamazoo 2-6 5-10

9 Olivet 0-7 4-13

Bryan kicks three field goals a day after burying son

A day after burying his 3-month-old son in Texas, the Tampa Bay kicker hosted three field goals to help the Buccaneers beat the Green Bay Packers 30-21 on Sunday.

“I don’t know what I needed today,” Bryant said. “It worked out OK. Could’ve been better, but given the circumstances it turned out OK.”

Bryant’s youngest son, Matthew Tyrone, was found dead at home in Tampa on Wednesday. It will be several weeks before the kicker and his wife learn the cause of death.

Bryan did not practice all week, and coach Jon Gruden left it up to him to decide if he would play.

“The biggest thing for me, I wanted to honor Tyrone’s name,” Bryant said. “I mean, I don’t think it was very fair for his life to end so short. This is the best way I believe I could get out and honor him.”

MLB

Braves third baseman Chipper Jones tosses his bat after drawing a walk Sunday in the ninth inning of Atlanta’s loss to Houston. Jones earned his first NL batting title with a .364 batting average.

Tigers fire two coaches after disappointing season

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers fired pitching coach Chuck Hernandez and bullpen coach Jeff Jones on Sunday.

Although the season is not yet over for the Tigers, who will play a make-up game against the Chicago White Sox on Monday, the club dismissed the two coaches immediately following Sunday’s 8-7 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

“The two glaring problems with us this season was the pitching and the defense,” Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. “Somebody had to pay the price.”

Hernandez was first hired as the team’s pitching coach after the 2005 season and has served in the position for the last three seasons. However, the Tigers’ pitching staff struggled all year and entered Sunday with the fourth-worst team ERA in the majors at 4.87.

IN BRIEF

Ravens at Steelers 8:30 p.m., ESPN

Hochuli involved in another questionable call

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Referee Ed Hochuli was at the center of another questionable call Sunday, flagging Julius Peppers for a roughing-the-passer penalty that wiped out Carolina’s intercept return for a touchdown in the first quarter against Atlanta.

After Matt Ryan’s pass was intercepted by Richard Marshall, Hochuli threw a flag and announced Peppers made a helmet-to-helmet hit on Ryan. It erased the touchdown and gave the Falcons a first down on a drive that ended with a punt.

Peppers said Monday Peppers made contact as Ryan released the ball, and appeared to hit him first with his shoulder. “Ed came over and explained to me, he said that I hit him with my helmet,” Peppers said. “He said I hit him with my helmet in his head and that’s what he called. It wasn’t really roughing, it was just me hitting his helmet, so it was just one of those calls that, you know, player safety is what it was about.”

A round the dial

Around the dial

NFL

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**SMC CROSS-COUNTRY**

Squad finishes fifth at home race

By KATE GRABAREK

Host Saint Mary’s took fifth place at Friday’s nine-team MIAA Jamboree as junior Megan McClowery led a tightly-grouped Belles unit that had all its runners finish within 20 seconds of each other.

This was the first home meet for the Belles since the 2002-2003 season and brought out the competitive spirit that the team has relied on to keep it at the top of its game this year.

The Saint Mary’s cross country team is such a great group of women,” senior co-captain Caitlin Brodmerkel said. “We have a difficult time getting people to see that so when we always compete so far from campus, I am so glad that we finally got to show our friends, classmates and faculty what our hours of hard work has enabled us to do.”

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F r e s h m a n A r i a n n e R o d r i g u e z (21:01) and sophomore Caitie Salyer (21:03) also provided counting times for the Belles.

“We are looking for our pack to continue to close the gap with McClowery and Arianna Rodriguez,” Belles coach Jackie Bauters said before the meet. “Arianna has been sick and we are hoping to see her wellness bring and have an outstanding day at home. The Belles team is ranked second in the nation and will undeniably be the front field, but I would like to see our ladies stick up that of the young talent from Hope.”

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Team's morning loss fuels afternoon victory

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Saint Mary’s split its weekend matches against opponents falling to No. 16 Calvin in straight sets Saturday morning (25-14, 25-13, 25-12) before bouncing back against Adrian (25-22, 25-23, 29-27) that afternoon.

The Belles (11-5, 4-3 MIAA) remain in fourth place in the conference after the MIAA mini-tournament at Calvin’s Hulzenga Center in Grand Rapids, Mich. After the blowout loss in the morning, Saint Mary’s rallied to scrape out three tough sets in the late match, playing off the emotion and teamwork that Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has emphasized throughout the season.

“More than anything else I want this team to believe in themselves,” Schroeder-Biek said. “They have a lot of ability. If they can come together as a team and play as one cohesive unit, we will be in position to be a top team in the league standings.”

But during the 11 a.m. match, the Knights (11-4, 5-2 MIAA) romped over the Belles in straight sets, relying on a smothering defense to keep Saint Mary’s in check. Calvin posted six blocks on the match while holding the Belles to a .071 attacking percentage.

Junior hitter Lorna Slupczynski and senior hitter Kaela Hellmann both had seven kills to lead Saint Mary’s. Sophomore defensive specialist Ellen Huelsmann had a team-high 13 digs in the loss. The Belles bounced back in the afternoon match to beat the Knights and are now 3-1-1 in their MIAA conference matches. However, the Belles could not overcome seeing the home crowd.

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The Belles will host Trine University on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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**SMC SOCCER**

Belles fall after eleven day layoff

By MIKE GOTTIMER

Saint Mary’s dropped its first conference match of the season to Olivet College 3-1 on Saturday.

The match was the Belles’ (1-5-1, 0-1 MIAA) first since Sept. 17, when they lost a heartbreaker to Hope 2-1. Coach Ryan Crabbe thought the long layoff may have affected his squad.

“Certainly a tough loss,” he said. “We started the game still looking a little out of shape from the bus. By the time we fell behind two goals, it was a large deficit to overcome seeing as we haven’t been able to score goals in bunches.”

Olivet (5-4-1, 1-0 MIAA) freshman Liza Julian capitalized on the Belles’ slow start and scored back-to-back goals in the 28th and 32nd minutes to give the Comets a 2-0 lead heading into the half.

The Comets scored first in the second half as well, as senior Cori Barrera scored in the 75th minute to widen Olivet’s lead to 3-0.

The Belles finally got on the board with freshman Katelyn Tombaugh’s first career goal in the 81st minute. Junior captain Bridget Ronayne got the assist.

Saint Mary’s was outshot for the second straight game, this time by 20-8. Coach Against Hope, the Belles were outshot 20-8.

Junior goalkeeper Patty Duffy played all 90 minutes in goal and recorded 11 saves despite giving up three goals.

The Belles look to action at home against Illinois Wesleyan on Wednesday before a rematch at Hope on Saturday.

“Hopefully getting into a more normal playing rhythm this week with two games we can get on track,” Crabbe said.

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Redskins top Cowboys, shake up NFC East

Bills boat struggling Rams to improve to 4-0; Tomlinson scores 2 late TDs to lead Chargers comeback at Raiders

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Jim Zorn will go down in history as the only Associated Press blogger and certainly celebrating.

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"It was a great team. We can play anybody. We proved it right now," Zorn said. Zorn was 20-of-31 for 231 yards, Santana Moss caught eight passes for 145 yards and the Redskins made it straight games without a turnover on offense. Shaun Suisham was 4-for-4 on field goals, none longer than 33 yards.

Washington's defense held what had been the NFL's most explosive offense to its fewest yards and points of the season. The Redskins didn't allow Washington on eight yards on eight carries and Washington had seven for 17 in the second half but no longer than 18 yards.

He did have a 10-yard touchdown catch tied that it at 17 early in the third quarter.

"It's no secret, when I get involved, we move the chains. When I don't, we're more stagnate in our offense," Owens said.

Campbell turned a 7-0 deficit in the 1st quarter by picking Dallas' cornerback Terence Newman for a 3-yard touchdown pass to James Thrash, a 2-yard touchdown to Antwan Hardage deep down the middle and a 53-yard strike to Moss that led to a field goal after Moss landed out of bounds on a third-down fade.

After Dallas tied it, Washington scored two touchdowns on its next series — yes, two — and neither counted because officials penalized Washington for a blocking foul on center Casey Rabach. The Redskins wound up with another field goal, then Romo threw an interception, leading to yet another Washington field goal and a 23-17 lead.

Aiming for a go-ahead touchdown, Romo instead threw three straight incompletions to Owens in the middle of the field. Washington then defense made a big third-down stop, but it did count because Romo was called for a holding penalty.

The Redskins again got a field goal late in the third but that just the lead out of reach.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Week of upsets shakes Associated Press poll
 Oklahomal moves to No. 1, Alabama is No. 2

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oklahoma, where the No. 1 ranking rests again.

The Sooners sit atop the AP Top 25 on Sunday after the first upset-filled weekend of the season gave the media poll a powerful shake. Alabama was both a mover and a shaker, as the Crimson Tide rose to No. 2 after a surprising 41-30 pounding of Georgia.

Previously top-ranked Southern California lost at Oregon State to set the tone for a weekend that brought back memories of the topsy-turvy 2007 season.

On Saturday, two more top-five teams fell. Florida was stunned at home by Mississippi, 31-30, Georgia, which started the season No. 1, was down 31 points by halftime to Alabama and never recovered.

Overall, nine ranked teams lost, six to unranked foes.

The last time such a shake-up occurred? Two years ago, when in the last week of September three of the top-five teams fell and seven ranked teams lost to unranked opponents.

"I think we talked (Friday) that anyone can beat anyone on any given Saturday, and that's why you've got to come out and you've got to play on edge, full till every game because if not, someone's liable to come in and beat you," Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford said after the Sooners' 35-10 victory over TCU on Saturday.

Oklahoma is No. 1 for the 96th time in the history of the AP poll, breaking a tie with Notre Dame for the most ever. The last time the Sooners were No. 1 was 2003, when they were atop the polls all season before losing the Big 12 title game to Kansas State.

Oklahoma received 43 of a possible 65 first-place votes and 1,599 points.

Alabama's impressive performance jumped the Tide six spots. Alabama hasn't been ranked this high since it was No. 2 for the first eight polls of the 1993 season.

The Tide received 21 first-place votes and 1,562 points.

LSU is No. 3, moving up two spots. No. 4 Missouri, which received a first-place vote, and No. 5 Texas also moved up two places and left the top five under the control of the Big 12 (three teams) and Southeastern Conference (two).

Penn State moved up six spots to No. 6 after its 38-24 victory against Illinois.

Texas Tech was idle, but took advantage of the attrition in the top 10 to move up to No. 7. BYU is eighth, USC dropped eight spots to No. 9 and South Florida is No. 10.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, Oklahoma was No. 1, but LSU was No. 2, followed by Missouri, Alabama and Texas. In the Harris poll, which came out for the first time this season Sunday and is used in the BCS standings, Oklahoma was No. 1, followed by LSU, Alabama, Missouri and Texas.

Georgia and Florida each dropped eight spots in the AP poll. The Bulldogs are No. 11 and Florida is No. 12, followed by fellow SEC rival Auburn at No. 13.
Louisville continued from page 20

Dame appeared poised to complete a 2-0 weekend and move to 2-0-1, but the Cardinals were awash in controversy. Midfielder Aaron Clapham stopped forward to convert the kick sending the match into overtime. Five minutes into extra time, Louisville would pull out the win when defender Austin Berry headed home a corner kick.

"It was very disappointing to lose on a penalty kick in the 90th minute," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. That's always a tough one. I thought we opened the game well, but I didn't feel like we were one of our better games."

The Irish back up Clark's assessment of his team's performance by scoring in the 87th minute, sophomore forward Jeff Bransky's shot was deflected by Cardinals' keeper Andre Bordeaux straight to Irish senior forward Steve Perry, who put it home to give Notre Dame's win over Louisville 2-0 in the final minute of regulation.

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"It's still a pretty big boys. We got the goal in the 88th minute, " said Clark's fellow forward Steven Clark.

Yankees clinched the AL East.

Brewers in; Mets out again

Associated Press

Already standing tall, C. C. Sabathia showed why the Brewers dugout and sprayed fans with champagne. A vintage scene, indeed.

For the first time since 1962, with the end of the American League and well before its 3,000 years ended, Milwaukee is going to the playoffs.

"It's our time," said Sabathia after beating the Cubs 3-1 Sunday.

"No such luck for the New York Mets. They lost on the final day - and in the final scoreboard - and again were eliminated by Florida on the final day. Making it worse, a farewell-to-Shea Stadium.

They say they failed as a team," said David Wright after a 4-2 loss. "There's no point in the fingers. There's no excuses. We as a unit didn't do the job.

No telling yet about the Minnesota Twins and Chicago White Sox. They still haven't sorted out their AL Central scramble.

Noted sports workers at Wright Field and Tropicana Field put up the postseason bunting, this time going to do this without Dale Murphy. He's the best pitcher on the planet. He's our MVP this year. No chance for us to do this without him.

After their fans watched the Milwaukee Brewers go on to win the giant home opener in center field, the Brewers wrapped up the Chicago Cubs with a 2-1 victory.

"We got the goal in the 88th minute, " said Clark. "It was the second goal of the season and the fourth for a comfortable 2-0 win over the Chicago Cubs."

Irish ended Georgetown's five-game winning streak with a three set sweep of the Hoyas.

"We were able to take their outside hitters out of the game," said Clark.

Kaelin and Sciacca each batted the Irish with 12 and 9 respectively.

Sciacca had five of her kills in the first set along with four kills and one block from Enzweiler. The team hit .342.

The Irish dominated the second set 25-16 as Kaelin Enzweiler, Sciacca, Streimikis and freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy all had at least three kills in the frame.

In the final frame, strong defense led to 15-3 run that sealed the match. Dealy and senior setter Kristen Dealy all had at least three kills in the frame.

The Irish will continue Big East play on Saturday when they travel to Kentuckiana to face Louisville before matching up with Cincinnati on Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Still rolling

Top-ranked Irish outscore two Big East opponents 10-1 in cruising to a pair of conference wins

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Assistant Managing Editor

They stepped off the field at the end of the first half with a 2-0 lead over Cincinnati, but the Irish were nowhere near done Sunday. Kerri Hanks notchet the first goal for Notre Dame, followed by freshman Melissa Henderson in what proved to be a rough and gritty first half. The Bearcats tried to stop Notre Dame from gaining any sort of rhythm by pulling shirts and racking up nine fouls in the first half.

"It seemed that they were overly physical or more physical than us. It was just that they were more disruptive," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Every time you would beat a player off the dribble they were pulling your shirt or they're fouling you and they just never let you get a rhythm.

But that only fed Notre Dame's fire and the Irish came out running in the second half.

Henderson scored her second goal of the game in the 71st minute, followed four minutes later by Courtney Boxen. And just 33 seconds later Henderson buried her third goal, giving the fresh­man her first career hat trick.

With three goals within five minutes of each other, the Bearcats knew who they were dealing with.

"We came out with a much higher level of intensity, and even though the first half, we had the game handled, and they were never really dangerous, it was just one of those things that I think we needed to come out and make sure we stepped up the intensity level and make them try to match that and they couldn't match the depth and they couldn't match the intensity level once we really got it going in the second half," Haley Ford put the final

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ND WOMEN'S VOLEYBALL

Team starts conference slate with a pair of victories

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish stepped up to the plate and came up huge this weekend, starting the Big East season off right with two solid wins against South Florida and Georgetown.

Notre Dame improved its overall record to 2-0 in the Big East (7-7 overall) to propel itself into a tie for first place in the conference with Seton Hall. Irish coach Debbie Brown kept things in perspective, however, not wanting her team to get ahead of themselves.

"It's still way too early to worry about first place," Brown said.

Up first for the Irish on Friday was a strong South Florida (10-6, 1-1 Big East) squad led by All-American junior outside hitter Marcela Gurgel. The Irish defeated the Bulls 3-1.

Gurgel paced the Bulls with 19 kills and 11 digs, but the Irish were able to control her for the most part.

"We had a pretty high number of kills, which helps," Brown said. "We held her under her percentage average, and we took some of her shots away.'

Notre Dame's lineup changes in light of junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips absence due to an ankle injury saw senior out­side hitter Justine Streminck on the right with junior middle blocker Tara Enzweller and Sciacca in the middle. Brown cited this formation as helping her team deal with USF.

Starring for the Irish against the Bulls was sophomore out­side hitter Kellie Sciacca. Sciacca had 26 kills on 28 attempts for a .643 average in the match.

"Sciacca came alive offensively, she was on her game," Brown said. "It was really, really good to see.

Junior outside hitter Christina Kaeline also pitched in with 18 kills and a .429 hitting average.

Kaelin let her competitiveness take over," Brown said. "She wanted the ball and she had some great swings. I was really pleased with her performance."

Men's SOCCER

ND falls in OT heartbreaker

By GREG ARBOGAST
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All good things must come to an end, but this one was particularly difficult to swallow for No. 3 Notre Dame.

The Irish's seven-game unbeaten streak, Fifteen­game regular season Big East unbeaten run and stretch of 395 minutes without conced­ing a goal all came to an end with a 2-1 OT loss at No. 19 Louisville.

It all changed on one blow of the whistle.

Leading 1-0 in the final minute of regulation, Notre

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Boulder, Colo. to host 19-team tournament

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Notre Dame will look to build off its third place finish in the Mary Fossum Invitational last weekend as the Irish prepare to compete in the Heather Farr Memorial in Boulder, Colo., a two-day event beginning today.

The 19-team event will be played at Omni Interbeker Golf Club, the home course for the University of Colorado.

The Irish are led by senior captain Lisa Maunu, whose third scoring average through the first two events is the best on the team. Maunu will be supported by junior Annie Brady and freshman Becca Huffer, each of whom shot under par in their final round last week­end to help clinch the third place finish.

Also competing for the Irish are sophomore So-Iyan Park, who finished tied for 11th place with Brady and Maunu at the Fossum Invitational, and soph­omore Katie Conway, who will be competing as a member of Notre Dame's five­woman team for the first time this season.

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