Expectations lead to frustrating defeat

High confidence contributes to disappointment in four-overtime loss to Pittsburgh

By NORA KENNEY

News Writer

This week, many Irish fans entered the Notre Dame stadium feeling overconfident in anticipation of a game which ended in a loss that was gnawing for both players and fans to endure. Part of this overconfidence was a result of Pittsburgh's loss to unranked Rutgers on Oct. 25, in which the Panthers lost 54-34 and were knocked off the polls from their previous position at seventeen.

The overconfident attitude wasn't just with the players, but the students also. "You are walking into the Stadium and you think we're going to win because we haven't lost a game in our stadium yet (this year)," freshman Michelle Consiglio said. "I thought we'd win, but we were insanely evenly matched which you could tell because of the four overtimes."

However, as the players left the field for halftime, the teams did not seem evenly matched at all, as seen in the Irish's 14-point lead. "I felt pretty comfortable about it. It was pretty good I think. You know everyone's optimistic and had a lot of momentum going into the second half," senior Dan Fanuele said.

Irish fans were disappointed by Saturday's loss to Pittsburgh, Notre Dame's first loss at home this season.

Modified pep rally format debuts

By MOLLY MADDEN

News Writer

Students that attended the pep rally Friday at the Joyce Athletic Convocation Center (JACC) might have sensed some changes in the rally. These changes are part of a new format for the pep rallies that will allow for greater unity between the team and the students. The changes are partly in response to Sorin College boycotting the Oct. 3 rally and the subsequent student reactions.

"Ideas for change have been on the table for a few years now, we've just never had a group that was proactive enough to make it happen," Hall President's Athletic Co-Chair Laura Burdick said. "The dissatisfaction of the students just kept getting greater and greater and we didn't want to see that. The football team started to notice and we got it on and got the ball rolling."

While many in the Notre Dame community expressed disbelief at men of Sorin's actions, Burdick said that she was not surprised by the actions of the Otters.

"The Sorin boycott wasn't a shock," Burdick said. "People have been feeling that way for a while but have continued coming to the rallies. That was just the first time the dissatisfaction was making itself apparent."

Right to Life Week begins at College

Abortion issues in election increase relevance of annual event

By SARAH MAYER

News Writer

With abortion as a hot-button issue in the upcoming election, Saint Mary's Right to Life Week comes at an opportune time.

President of Saint Mary's College Right to Life club, senior Meg Ryan, has many events planned for the week. The RTL meets every Sunday in Reignbeaux Lounge in Le Mans at 7:30 as an active group of women who believe in supporting life in all of its stages from conception to death, she said.

"RTL has about 35-40 active women this year," said Ryan. "The most we've had in 4 years. It's been an incredible year. Everyone is so passionate about what we stand for."

The overall theme of this year's RTL week is celebrating life as a reminder of beauty in all forms, she said.

"Tuesday night we will have a candle lit prayer vigil on the library green at 8 p.m. in memory of the many lives lost to abortion; all are welcome. On Wednesday night we will have a Celebration of Life party in Reignbeaux Lounge at 7 with cake and balloons, and then 9 mass in Le Mans chapel following our celebration. Mass will be in honor of life," Ryan said.

One of the highlights of Right to Life week is the panel discussion that will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25, entitled "Issues of Abortion," is a first time event on Saint Mary's campus, according to the College press release.

Speakers will include, Dr. Thomas Akre, an orthopedic surgeon from Mishawaka; Professor Kevin McDonnell, philosophy of law professor at Saint Mary's; Fr. Bob Roggenbuck, a priest from Michigan; and key note speaker on the path to understanding and the apathy that results, said Bettag, is a relief in "truthiness." Rather than attempting to grasp an

Web site markets to ND students

By ELYNN MICHALAK

News Writer

University of Pennsylvania sophomore Jay Rodriguez selected Notre Dame as one of several schools nationwide to market his new college exclusive social networking Web site, Dormnoise.com.

Rodrigues, the Web site creator, selected schools of different size and location across the nation to promote his new college exclusive Web site. Notre Dame Dormnoise.com represents a high school friend of Rodrigues, junior Tim Durigan, will be handing out T-shirts to advertise the new Web site Wednesday afternoon between St. Joseph and Dining Hall.

Dormnoise.com will allow Notre Dame students to know what's going on any day of the week without the hassle of future employers being able to see aspects of their private college life posted on the Internet," Durigan said. "It will let students connect with each other on campus in a college exclusive environ-
INSIDE COLUMN

Negative ads

With the election only one day away, my father, who is running for the House of Representatives in Nantucket Island and Brookline, is holding a solid lead in the polls. Although he would never say that he is a shoo-in, the early numbers do suggest that he will win.

Over the last week, while sitting at my kitchen table, my dad came home with some of the literature his consulting group had prepared. While all of his previous campaign pieces had focused on his accomplishments in the New York City Council, which he's been a member of since 2001, these new pieces were negative attack ads.

As soon as I picked up the print outs, my dad just shook his head, displaying his obvious disappointment with the pieces.

His opponent Rob Straniere, a former New York assemblyman who was ousted in a primary by his own Republican party in 2004, is a man that has been described as a "schub" by Enquirer magazine. According to the attack literature, he had sponsored only one bill which renamed a highway in his numerous years in the assembly. In addition to mentioning his shady business dealings and connections to high-powered lobbyists.

"You're not actually going to use those are you?" I asked him.

"Is that even a question?" he immediately responded.

In the four elections that he has run since 2001, my father has never gone negative, despite the actions of his opponents. This race — the biggest race of his life — wasn't going to be any different.

The problem with negative ads is they don't encourage voters to support you because of your ideas, because of your experience and because of your leadership skills. Negative ads encourage the people to vote against your opponent out of fear.

Since I started writing this article about 10 minutes ago, I have seen about five political ads, all of which have been negative. John McCain warns against voting for Barack Obama because he will "redistribute your wealth," while Obama's campaign paints McCain as four more years of George W. Bush.

Both of these ads do not make any mention of the laudations the candidates which they are running for, or who they are instead only attack the other candidate. The ads are vicious, but they tap into people's greatest motivator — fear. It's easy to say I won't vote for Obama because he'll redistribute your wealth, and it's even easier to say that you won't vote for McCain because he'll be another four years of Bush.

People should not be voting out of fear of our candidates, they should be voting because they actually like what their candidate brings to the table. That's why I'm proud of my father — he has never gone negative, because he wants people to vote for him, not against Rob Straniere. After all, that would be just too easy.

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IN邹RIEF

The lecture entitled "Colored Men & Hombres Aqui: Hernandez v. Texas and the Emergence of Mexican American Lawmaking" will be held today at 4 p.m. in 204 McKenna Hall. Michael A. Olivas, William E. Bates Distinguished Chair in Law and Director, Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance, University of Houston Law Center will discuss the litigation history of Hernandez v. Texas.

Saint Mary's College Right to Life will sponsor Right to Life Week. It includes a candle light prayer vigil on the Library Green at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, a Celebration of Life party in Reginaeounge Lounge in LeMans Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and a panel discussion from 6 to 7 p.m. in Haggar College on Thursday.

A colloquium entitled "What the most metal-poor stars tell us about the early Universe" will be held Wednesday from 4 -5:30 p.m. Dr. Anna Freedel, of the McDonald Observatory, University of Texas at Austin will present in 118 Nieuwland Science. The event is sponsored by the Department of Physics.

Downtown Lunch & Learn/Eco Film Series: 'Six Degrees Could Change the World' will be held at the Crossroads Gallery (Notre Dame Downtown, 217 S. Michigan Street, South Bend) on Thursday at 12:05 p.m. The event is for a free environmental film series.

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

TODAY FRIDAY

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Rally

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put into a student publication.”

At Friday’s rally, students did not start entering the JACC until around 6:00 and the team had arrived by 6:30. By the time they had taken their places, the building was almost booked to capacity.

The seating arrangements were also adjusted so that stu-
dents could physically be closer to the football team. At Friday’s rally, there were specially ripped off sections on the floor for Notre Dame students, only a few feet away from where the foot-
ball team sat.

“The students are going to be up much closer to the team so they feel like they are almost on the floor with them,” Burdick stated.

Burdick said that much thought and consideration was put into getting the students fired up and keeping the energy going.

“We don’t want students to be wild and crazy, now quiet down, now wild and crazy again,” Burdick said. “Energy just doesn’t work that way.”

Junior Jack Weis addressed the JACC at the Oct. 31 rally. Chuck Lennon emphasized the importance of energy and the significance of the crowd’s enthusiasm for not only the team but the students as well.

“This is a Notre Dame pep rally,” Lennon said. “Not a library, but a Notre Dame pep rally. I want you all on your feet and cheering for this team and for the students.”

“We appreciate the great turnout with our team if we can make a lot of crowd noise in here,” Weis said.

A lot of crowd noise was not a problem after Coach Weis intro-
duced a surprise guest for the evening.

“We were needed to add a little more pep to this pep rally so we incorporated a rock star from New York on Friday night before introducing rock legend Jon Bon Jovi,” Burdick said.

The screams of the students and the fans as Jon Bon Jovi walked into the room with his two sons were deafening.

The band played “Living on a Prayer” over the screams of the students and the others gath-
ered in the JACC. However, Coach Weis was not satisfied with just one rendition.

“I’ve seen Bon Jovi in con-
cert,” Weis said, “and he doesn’t quit after one song. This prompted the band to play two more Bon Jovi hits.

After the din died down slight-
ly, fullback Asaph Schwapp, offensive tackle Sam Young, and linebacker Scott Smith spoke and then the team judged a costum e
contest put on by the stu-
dents.

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Noise

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Rodrigues came up with the idea for DormNoise.com at the age of 16. He had been a student athlete since he was a junior in high school and wanted to continue his athletic career after one of his former teachers sent him a friend request on Facebook.

“Basically what happened was I was constantly put up and I was getting exci
ted to go to college. Two things started happening: I was getting friend requests from both my former classmates and from people that I used to mentor in my peer groups,” Rodrigues said.

“Now I was getting to this new phase of my life, and these were people that I had a connection with, but I wasn’t sure how much of my college life I wanted them to have access to.”

Rodrigues immediately began brainstorming ideas for a college exclusive Web site. The idea came to him while he experienced his fresh-
man year of college. Rodrigues contacted several investors to fund his Web site. With the money he raised, Rodrigues contacted Mediabarn, a soft-
ware development firm, and began the construction of DormNoise.com.

DormNoise.com launched on Aug. 18 and is a networked social Web site, exclusive to undergraduate college stu-
dents between the ages of 17-24. He chose the name ‘Dorm’ because it stayed true to the college theme of the Web site.

“The name comes from the idea that whenever you first walk into your dorm, either 8 a.m. or 8 p.m. at night, there’s always noise. I realized that I needed to pick a name that was going to be true to our col-
lege feel. Even in my dorm, any time of day, any time of night, you always hear that clatter of people talk-
ing, studying, doing their homework,” Rodrigues said.

The Web site shares many aspects with Facebook, but it allows users to keep certain aspects of their university lives exclusive. The core foundation that DormNoise is built on is the idea of even planning and bringing together student events on the college campus. With calendars embedded in every group, students are able to see events in an organized and consolidated person-
alize their own event calendars. They even receive e-mail notifications when there are new involved events to their group calen-
dars.

Since its launch, the Web site has acquired 2,700 active mem-
bers. The point of Facebook was to have no way trying to take over the Facebook,” Rodrigues said. “I am on the front line of Facebook, I love Facebook, but the way DormNoise.com is going to be used is for students. With 100 million users and conse-
quently is not able to cater to personal and student groups on college campuses. Basically the whole goal of DormNoise is to combine basic social tools with features customized to meet the needs of college stu-
dents.”

DormNoise offers several features that are similar to Facebook. The Web site allows users to type in a status message, write on other user’s ‘whiteboards,’ join groups, and chat with Insta
tant Messenger. As mentioned earlier, an innova-
tive feature of the website is the calendar system, which includes a cam-
paign scoreboard, user and event calen-
dar for each college/univer-
sity across the U.S. The calendar system allows you to easily manage groups and student event groups, as well as all college events. The system allows users to select events they are interested in and then consolidates all of the information onto one simple calendar, which is really what it’s all there, organized, concise, and uncluttered,” Rodrigues said.

The Notre Dame network on DormNoise.com includes only 21 active members. The Web site’s goal is to acquire as many DormNoise members on each campus in order to test the calendar’s impact worth-
while.

“The DormNoise site is about commun-
ication, a secure environ-
ment but at the core DormNoise is really about student groups and event plan-
ing,” he added.

Currently, the Web site offers a championship an all expense paid spring break trip to Cancun, Mexico as an incentive for users who signed up before Nov. 1. The winner will be chosen on Dec. 1.

“That’s my favorite thing we’re doing because that was something I was really adamant about and it is something I am very proud of,” Rodrigues said. “When you work with investors, they want to know where the money is going. I put money aside and I said ‘Okay, we are going to launch this thing I want to do something special for the people who are signing up.’ I wanted to do it because I think it’s really cool to give back to users and Web sites don’t really do that. Hopefully it can differen-
tiate us.”

Rodrigues said he hopes that the spring break trip will inspire more college students to use his new Web site. He is grateful that it is something that belongs out there in the world and give it a chance they’ll love it. If they’re skeptical, then only go to the Web site sign up and they get an entry into winning a free spring break trip.”

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Game

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Unfortunately, the opti-
mism and momentum in the student section was tainted when Pittsburgh scored a touchdown early in the second half, and con-
tinued to diminish, despite Coach Weis’ efforts, and confident in his closing remarks, Coach Weis stressed the importance of the relationship between the students and the football team.

“There is no ‘us’ and ‘them,’” Weis said. “We, as a football team, feel like we’re part of the student body.

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Remember to bring your government-issued ID to vote on Nov. 4.

On-campus voting takes place at Legends.
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issue's full complexity, people essentialize it, conveying what they feel to be true instead of an objective consideration of how things actually are. According to Bettag, Oliver Stone's latest movie "W." is an example of this kind of approach. Stone documented how the Iraq war came about, but he essentially rationalized it through an economic metaphor, rather than analyzing it thoroughly for substantive meaning, he said.

However, this trend toward "essentialism" can be reversed, according to Bettag, if stories are told properly.

"You sort out the power of stories to make us care, to give life a deeper meaning," he said.

While not compromising the complexity of topics like international economics, a focus on the experiences of people can make journalism interesting as well as informative, he said.

To illustrate his point, Bettag played several clips from "The People's Republic of Capitalism," a program that airs on Discovery Channel, which he helps produce with Ted Koppel.

The clips gave a portrayal of how the lives of ordinary people affect one another across international boundaries — Mexican migrant workers, Chinese children, and unemployed Americans cause changes in each other's lives, even if they are unaware of it.

The film showed interviews with Americans and Chinese struggling to adapt to changing economies as well as with their more fortunate counterparts, the variety of circumstances that people face under a global system. Bettag stressed the demand for labor to find its cheapest supply. Being able to relate to these experiences gives people the motivation to care about the effects of economic policy, said Bettag.

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Bettag emphasized that journalists and filmmakers should not compromise depth but embrace it while engaging their audiences through real human experiences.

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ELECTION 2008

Biden: Divisive politics must come to an end

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden made his final swing through Florida Sunday, then told supporters that the raucous Republican party on the same stage people they need to embrace one another.

About two dozen supporters of Republican John McCain were waving a large flag with theCore of the campaign, he said, is an international pro-life and anti-abortion group.

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**Coffee at the Como**

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

316 Coleman Morse

The Core Council invites gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning members of the Notre Dame family, along with their friends and allies, to an informal gathering at the Caf-Go.

Everyone is Welcome and Confidentiality is Assured

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Remember to vote Nov. 4, and look out The Observer for extensive post-election coverage Nov. 5.
Gummen kill Mexican police in attacks

TOLUCA, Mexico — Eleven policemen have been killed by heavily armed attackers in a three-day string of drug-gang attacks, prosecutors said Sunday.

Mexico State Prosecutor Alberto Barbaez said 10 suspects believed linked to drug gangs have been arrested, while the 11th, which mainly occurred on highways and at police checkpoints in the state that loops around Mexico City's capital. Some of the suspects were carrying rifles and grenades at the time of their arrest.

Barbaez said Tuesday's assault was the worst since an ambush two years ago that killed eight police officers near Mexico City's hotbed of drug violence dominated by a drug gang known as "The Family."

But he said evidence indicates that low-level mafiosi were behind the killings, which mainly occurred on highways and at police checkpoints in the state that loops around Mexico City's capital. Some of the suspects were carrying rifles and grenades at the time of their arrest.

Barbaez said周二的袭击是自二年前在墨西哥城附近的一个贩毒组织"The Family"的袭击以来最严重的一次。但他表示，证据显示，低级别的犯罪分子可能是这次袭击的元凶，因为这些袭击主要发生在高速公路和警察检查站，一些嫌疑人在被捕时携带了步枪和手榴弹。

The Biden administration has hoped that for the deal, which would allow American troops in this country until 2012 and give the Iraqis a greater role in the conduct of U.S. military operations.

Congress must approve the agreement before the year-end expiration of the U.N. mandate that allows coalition forces to operate here legally.

Without an agreement or a new U.N. mandate, the U.S. military would have to suspend its mission, and the U.S. military's forces in Iraq would be up to the man who takes office in January.

McManus supported the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the troop surge which helped turn the tide.

Obama opposed the invasion and the military operations on a security agreement should be in a clause providing limited Iraqi jurisdiction over U.S. troops.

The current draft provides for limited Iraqi jurisdiction for major crimes committed off post and off duty.

"Iraqis want a joint U.S.-Iraqi committee to decide whether accused soldiers were off duty or on authorized missions.

"If the American side agrees to our amendments to the pact, it will be a good pact and we can be proud of it," he said in an interview aired Sunday night by government television.

Privately, many Iraqi officials say they need U.S. troops to guarantee the security gains of the past two years until Iraq's army and police are ready to do the job.

Publicly, however, many lawmakers have been reluctant to declare a position on the agreement, fearing a backlash from Iraqis who want foreign forces to leave.

Iraqi authorities are feeling more confident since a sharp drop in violence in the country after the Sunni vote against the government in Baghdad and southern Iraq last spring.
The modern Democratic Party — only 13 times has a third-party candidate actually pulled better than 5 percent of the vote," Goldford said. "So as much as people complain about the two major parties, people tend to vote overwhelmingly for them. Third-party candidates can affect the outcome.

While he did not win any electoral votes in 1992, Perot did capture a significant portion of the vote and helped push Clinton to a 1992 victory.

"It would have made a difference to have more than 3,000 at a field house that she and Republican presidential candidate John McCain are committed to cutting taxes and limiting the size of government. She said Democratic candidate Barack Obama favors bigger government and that he has lowered the income threshold for those considered middle class and deserves a tax cut from $250,000 to $120,000.

His votes for higher taxes, she said, show "he chose the side of bigger government and taking more from you." At the same time, Obama has proposed $1 trillion in additional federal spending without specifying where the money would come from, Palin said.

"You could either do the math or just go with your gut," said Palin, standing in front of a huge U.S. flag and a blue and white "Country First" banner. "Either way, you can draw the same conclusion: Barack Obama, based on his record, is for bigger government and raising taxes."

Obama's tax plan calls for no tax increases on working families making less than $250,000 a year or individuals making less than $200,000 annually. He also has promised to cut taxes for the middle class.

Palin hammered home the same point during a later stop in the small southeast Ohio town of Marietta.

"The choice could not be cleaver. Our country faces tough times," Palin told the audience at Marietta College. "Now is the worst possible time to consider raising taxes on our residents and our businesses."

Similar remarks at a later stop drew raucous chants of "USA, USA, USA" inside an airplane hangar at Lickingenberner International Airport in Columbus. Palin said the country needs a leader who won't retreat from Iraq.

"We need someone who isn't afraid to use the word 'victory,'" she said. Democrats "can fill a stadium, but they cannot keep our country safe."
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IN BRIEF

**Machinists ratify contract with Boeing**

**SEATTLE** — Machinists union members ratified a new contract with The Boeing Co. on Saturday, ending an eight-week strike that cut the airplane maker’s profits and stalled jetliner deliveries.

The vote by members of the union, which represents about 27,000 workers at plants in Washington state, Oregon and Kansas, was about 74 percent in favor of the proposal five days after the two sides tentatively agreed to the deal and union leaders recommended its approval.

The workers are expected to return to Boeing’s commercial airplane factories, which have been closed since the Sept. 6 walkout, starting Sunday night.

The union has said the contract protects more than 5,000 factory jobs, prevents the outsourcing of certain positions and preserves health care benefits. It also promises pay increases over four years rather than three, as outlined in earlier offers.

The union members, including electricians, painters, mechanics and other production workers, have lost an average of about $7,000 in base pay since the strike began. They had rejected earlier proposals by the company, headquartered in Chicago.

**Passenger trains gain favor with public**

While some economists might see a turn in public transportation as more of a curiosity than a convenience, passenger trains are getting back on track in some parts of the country.

The high cost of energy, coupled with congestion and rising tolls for cars and trucks, is drawing travelers back to trains not only for commuting but also for travel between cities as much as 500 miles apart.

Californians are considering selling billions of dollars worth of bonds to get on an 800-mile system of bullet trains that could zip along at 200 miles per hour, linking San Francisco and Los Angeles and the cities in between.

In the Midwest, transportation officials are pushing a plan to connect cities in nine states in a hub-and-spoke system centered in Chicago.

The public is way ahead of policymakers in recognizing trains as an attractive alternative to cars and planes, said Rep. James Oberstar, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

### SAUDI ARABIA

**Brown asks Saudis to help fund IMF**

**British Prime Minister says that Gulf nations could aid struggling economies**

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said Monday that he would call a meeting of Gulf nations this week to discuss how to help struggling countries.

"I very much hope that as part of that you and other Gulf states will be willing to join with other countries to help stop the financial crisis spreading by helping to boost the international fund for distressed economies," he added. "I believe it is in all our interests to stop this contagion and to rebuild confidence in the financial system for the future." The workers are expected to return to Boeing’s commercial airplane factories, which have been closed since the Sept. 6 walkout, starting Sunday night.

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**SAUDI ARABIA**

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Brown, who has drawn ire from some oil producing states for his recent decision by OPEC to cut production to 880,000 in April, also told business leaders here that it was in everyone’s interest to have a stable price for crude oil.

"It is important that our country has a crucial role to play in your voice and must be heard by the business leaders in a breakfast address on the first step of a tour of the Gulf that includes Qatar and the United Arab Emirates."

"I very much hope that as part of that you and other Gulf states will be willing to join with other countries to help stop the financial crisis spreading by helping to boost the international fund for distressed economies," he added. "I believe it is in all our interests to stop this contagion and to rebuild confidence in the financial system for the future." The workers are expected to return to Boeing’s commercial airplane factories, which have been closed since the Sept. 6 walkout, starting Sunday night.

The union has said the contract protects more than 5,000 factory jobs, prevents the outsourcing of certain positions and preserves health care benefits. It also promises pay increases over four years rather than three, as outlined in earlier offers.

The union members, including electricians, painters, mechanics and other production workers, have lost an average of about $7,000 in base pay since the strike began. They had rejected earlier proposals by the company, headquartered in Chicago.

**Passenger trains gain favor with public**

While some economists might see a turn in public transportation as more of a curiosity than a convenience, passenger trains are getting back on track in some parts of the country.

The high cost of energy, coupled with congestion and rising tolls for cars and trucks, is drawing travelers back to trains not only for commuting but also for travel between cities as much as 500 miles apart.

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New center opens for veterans

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL — In a rush to correct reports of substandard care for wounded soldiers, the Army has begun using the doors of new specialized transition units to help huge numbers of soldiers through the months when the three 101st Airborne Division brigades start returning home in the coming months.

Gen. Peter Chiarelli, Army vice chief of staff, said last week in a unit in late October. He gathered more than three dozen men in a small, quiet room around a long table to hear their concerns about how they were being treated as they transitioned from their military duty to their homes.

"The larger concern here is that the problem is that the health care is going to the wounded, but the brave people who got us home have been left on the battlefield," said Col. Soltz. "The Army is the reason we are here. We don't have enough guys.

It is vital, he said, that the medical community realize soldiers need care that is equal and immediate. "We don't have near enough guys," he said.

Raymond F. Doi, a former army brigadier general, is the Army's chief medical officer. He said that transitioning soldiers need care from the moment they arrive in the states, not after they are discharged from the hospital.

"We're working with the veterans very closely, he said. "The Army is working with the Department of Veterans Affairs very closely."

"We're working on a 'soft landing,'" he said. "But there are a lot of issues that need to be worked out."

"I, personally, as the transition coordinator, said to the Army and all the VA agencies, 'We have to work together, and we need to make sure we are on the same page.'"

"I think they are on the same page," he said. "But they need to work together more closely."
Grassroots projects encourage voting
Candidates unleash get-out-the-vote campaign programs as Obama holds lead

**Associated Press**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio —** Barack Obama and John McCain uncoined massive get-out-the-vote operations in more than a dozen battleground states Sunday, millions of telephone calls, mailings and door-knockings in a frenzied, fitting climax to a record-shattering $1 billion campaign.

Together, they'd spend about $8 per presidential vote.

With just two days to go, most national polls show Obama ahead of McCain. State surveys suggest the Democrat's path to victory rises in the electoral college, perhaps far beyond.

Obama's campaign is calling 270 electoral votes — and perhaps far beyond — is much easier to navigate than McCain's.

Obama's campaign managers said the Democrat has slapped down any talk of a historic comeback for John McCain.

McCain jokes about campaign on SNL
McCain joked about his.Read more about McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Mc Cain, who is trailing Democrat Barack Obama in most battleground state polls, appeared during the show's "Weekend Update" newscast to announce he would pursue a new campaign strategy in the closing days of the campaign.

"I think I might try a strategy called the reverse maverick. That's where I'd do whatever anybody tells me," McCain said.

Indeed, Election Day is Thursday, Nov. 4th.

Campaign volunteers make phone calls at the Republican National Committee and McCain-Palin campaign headquarters in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, Sunday.

Campaigns dismiss reports about upcoming ads
Both campaigns dismissed reports that new political ads will be found on television.

"I'm elected President, I will turn around the military to meet future conflicts, but I will also renew the tough, direct diplomacy that can prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and curb Russian aggression." — Barack Obama, candidate for President.

"With the right strategy and the right forces, we can succeed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. I know how to win wars. And if I'm elected President, I will turn around the war in Afghanistan, just as we have turned around the war in Iraq, with a comprehensive strategy for victory." — John McCain, candidate for President.
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As a liberal arts university, Notre Dame's goal is to "serve the interests of students," in the words of the Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman, "training good members of society." Through "the high protecting power of all knowledge and science, of fact and principle, of inquiry and discovery of experiment and speculation." Yet many educators believe that education and political engagement are analogous to another, since political engagement today is all too often similarly the purgation of partisan sounds, half-truths, and innuendoes. Universities encourage thoughtful, critical, principled reflection on everything from medieval monasticism to quantum computing, Shakespearean sonnets to poverty in inner city urban areas; they should be equally unafraid to do the same for politics.

Everything about politics is, after all, designed to discourage open-mindedness. George Orwell observed in 1946 that "political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind," and it seems that the problem in 2008 is just as bad if not worse; it is certainly louder and more ubiquitous. People no longer need to analyze every issue and every candidate carefully; instead, they can just vote aca­demically, on their party or however their particular ideological group dictates that they should. Political ads take full advantage of our subcon­scious, since, with enough repetition, people will remember implication and misinformation rather than the fact that they are untrue, no matter how many times they are told otherwise. Political "analysts" on TV are typically just partisans who talk past each other in order to state the party line over and over, while giving both sides equal airtime has somehow become the antidote to bias. We ourselves have come to the point of trusting partisans and ideologies with a world­view comparable to our own — whether media commentators, politi­cal spokespeople or the candidates themselves — to give us the unprocessed truth. After all, just as it is easier to spend hours watching TV or playing Halo than to spend one single hour at the gym, it is easier to let ourselves trust the real politically machine than to fight it, even though we know instinctively that one is better than the other.

In the face of this cycle of anti­rationalism and slavish obedience to parties and ideologies, why do aca­demics (and more importantly, adminis­trators) recoil at the thought of using this classroom space to discuss and exactly how destructive it is and to begin to think our way out of it? Education is, essentially, the process by which peo­ple learn to find and evaluate infor­mation for themselves. Yet the insis­tence of academies in general, and scholars of the humanities in particu­lar, to limit the subjects available for scrutiny is to reinforce the idea that the regurgitation of partisan sound­bites, half-truths and innuendoes.

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The Carroll Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged at Notre Dame And sorry I could not travel both I one traveler, and I one came And looked down one, having perhaps the better claim, To where it bent in the undergrowth Then I looked at the other and at the sun Much farther from the Golden Dome. Because it was grassy and the Verryn run This forested path, so often shunned Which a hundred men call their home. And both that morning equally lay To my right, and to my left, Carroll Hall. Oh, I kept the first for another day Yet knowing how way leads on to way This path is all I need all year I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence Two roads diverged at Notre Dame, and I — And that has made all the difference.

The current race for the president, which concludes this Tuesday Nov. 4, has gone on for more than a year, with much ink spilled on the views of the candidates. The positions of the candidates on the economy, on taxes, on foreign policy and on a host of other topics has captivated the nation's attention. As the American public. As a great and Catholic university, Notre Dame must be interested in the most important and overarching consideration of the topic of life. It seems self-evident that without life, nothing else matters. Our country was founded on the principle that all men and women are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Without life, there is no liberty, and there is no pursuit of happiness.

Many politicians speak of life issues in the context of a seamless garment and involving many important issues, including abortion, euthanasia, our approach as a nation to war, the death penalty and several other social issues. A number of thoughtful recent letter-writers to this newspaper have also appropriately focused attention on issues which affect the quality of life, including health care, education and immigration. Again, these are important issues. But as a University committed to a "life of the mind," let us be clear about which of these issues dominates the others. More unborn children are destroyed in the wombs of their mothers each year in the United States than the total of all men and women killed each year in wars, than all men and women, euthanized each year and than all men and women executed each year in the United States combined... by a very substantial amount.

A number of important political candidates who profess to be devout, practicing Catholics have spoken out in defense of our nation's abortion laws, claiming that the Church has "struggled" with this issue over the years. This is misinformation of the worst kind, because it deals with such a critically important issue and about such innocent and vulnerable persons. The Catholic position is that abortion is evil. For those of you who wish to properly inform and form your conscience about this issue, I urge you — indeed I exhort you — to do so.

One particularly powerful recent statement is that of Edward Cardinal Egan, the Bishop of New York. In a beautiful article to the archdiocesan website in New York entitled "The Holiness of Truth," in his most recent posting, Cardinal Egan describes in very clear terms that all can understand both the importance and clarity of the Church's teaching on when life begins entitlement. "Just Look." See http://www.cny.org/archives/egn10_2308.htm

Another very recent teaching of an American Bishop is that of Bishop William Francis Malooly, the Bishop of Wilmington, Delaware, who six days ago published a Letter to the Editor in the "Delaware Online" which he entitled "Catholic Church's position on abortion is an exception regarding abortion since ancient times." See http://www.delawareonline.com/arti cles/20081026/VPIN/ ISSN1081052502/2004010PIN

Indeed, more than 50 of the nation's Catholic bishops have issued formal statements and proclamations or given interviews in which they have declared in laying out the most important issues for voters in their choice of a new president the candidate's stance on abortion. See http://www.lifesitenews.com/ids/20 08/oc/08012412.html

You cannot find a statement by any Catholic they claim that abortion is an issue of conscience or open for debate or that there is more important issue in the upcoming election. This of course doesn't mean that other issues are not important. They are. None is more important than the beginning of life. Please form your conscience well in preparation for the election this Tuesday.

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Listening to the Legacy Records release "The Clash: Live at Shea Stadium" is like opening a time capsule from 1979. With the band's legendary body of work amplified by live performance, the album feels spontaneous, electric and alive in ways that current alternative and post-punk bands dream of being.

"Live from Shea Stadium" is a recording of a 1982 concert that The Clash gave with The Who and David Johansen at Shea in New York City. It opens with a recorded introduction from a radio executive, saying that Kosmo Vinyl was bringing Shea Stadium "a little bit of London" right in New York. The live factor electrifies the album, bringing new life to each classic Clash track. It's fitting that the first track in "London Calling," which still sounds painfully good decades later. The performance feels raw and fresh, down to the occasional squeal of a microphone. In "London Calling" and the rest of "Live from Shea Stadium," the influence of The Clash on eighties, nineties and millennial rock is obvious.

At one point on "London Calling," Strummer takes the audience, animalistic and raw. What really pushes the track and the rest of the recording over the top is the live element, especially here. The buzz of the crowd, Strummer's musings and the spontaneity of the music itself only compound how extraordinary the Clash really were.

If you're unfamiliar with the band's history, buy this album — you'll be surprised how much of the Clash library is integrated into pop culture. "Police on My Back," the third track, is a familiar youth anthem, with Strummer shouting "Help me!Police on my back." With the hum of Shea Stadium in the background, "Police on My Back" feels like a sprint through the streets of London on an angry summer night.

One of the tracks whose influence on today's music scene is obvious is "Tommy Gun," whose live performance feels electric, pulsating and alive in ways that alternative rock today only dreams of being. It's clear from this track in particular that bands like Green Day should thank the Clash in the liner notes of every album they've released. The chorus is piercing and memorable, and the lyrics' leftist politics complement each gruff guitar strum.

"Rock the Casbah" feels aggressive, with heavier guitar and vocals than the original released recording. Strummer plays off of the audience with each spit-coated word he screams down to screaming "He hates that!" after "The Sharif don't like it" in the song's chorus.

"Guns of Brixton" highlights the band's signature style. The guitar is dark and playful, and jarring electric riffs juxtapose against Strummer's half-mumbled, half-exclamation in each lyric.

There is no low point on "Live from Shea Stadium." Other excellent tracks include "The Magnificent Seven," "Guns of Brixton," " entren in Vain," which features lead vocals by Nick Jones, and "Should I Stay or Should I Go," which, here, is downright fantastic.

The Clash, born out of 1970s London, consisted of Joe Strummer, born John Graham Mellor (lead vocals, rhythm guitar), Paul Simonon (bass, backing vocals), Nick Jones (lead guitar, vocals) and Nicky "Topper" Headon (drums, percussion) for most of their history. Dubbed "The Only British Band That Matters" by their record label and later "The Only Band That Matters" by their fans, they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2003 and were named number 30 in Rolling Stone's list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time in 2004.

In 2007 a documentary about Strummer's life, "Joe Strummer: The Future Is Unwritten," debuted at the Sundance Film Festival, and a film documenting Strummer's politics, the Tim Robbins-produced "Let Fury Have the Hour," is due this year.

Bob Gruen, a rock photographer, writes in the album's liner notes that "at each killing, a body is integrated into the punk scene." The song's low budget was due to overwhelming success, featuring an Arab man and an Hasidic jew shanking together in the street, as part of a Russian revolution on a fledgling network called MTV.

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1982: Topper Headon is asked to leave the band prior to the release of "Combat Rock," increasing tension within the band. The band tours with the Who, playing in New York's Shea Stadium.

1980: The band officially splits.

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Welcome to the Casbah Club: Experience The Clash with "Live at Shea Stadium"

A Brief History of the Clash


January 25, 1977: The Clash signs to CBS records for $100,000, ruffling feathers among the London punk elite.

April 1977: The band's self-titled first album is released. "White Riot," the album's first single, reaches number 34 on the UK charts.

November 1979: The band releases its second album, "Give 'Em Enough Rope." Sandy Pearlman, known for his work with Blue Oyster Cult, produces. The album reaches number 2 in the UK but only 128 on the Billboard chart in the US.

1979: "London Calling" is released. The album mixes punk rock, ska, rockabilly, reggae and rock elements, and reaches number 9 in the UK and 27 in the US. The album's title track will become a signature hit.

1980: The band releases "Sandinista!," a 36 song collection. The album experiments with sound and style again, including forays into rap music.

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Panthers kicker Conor Lee, right, sends his 22-yard game-winning field goal through the uprights on the final play of Pittsburgh's 36-33, four-overtime win at Notre Dame Saturday.

The longest overtime game in Notre Dame Stadium history ended too early for the Irish. When Pittsburgh kicker Conor Lee's 22-yard field goal sailed through the north end zone's uprights in the fourth overtime, it ended Irish aspirations for a fifth overtime as the Panthers stormed the field to celebrate their 36-33 victory.

Pittsburgh entered its fourth overtime possession knowing a field goal would secure the victory. After two short running plays and an incompletion, Notre Dame third-stringer Keenan Moore kicked the ball out of bounds.

Although Walker's miss opened the door for Pittsburgh, it was also Walker's leg that kept the Irish in the game. The sophomore kicker made three straight field goals to start overtime including a 48-yarder to force the fourth overtime. He made four of his five field goals on the day.

"I know Brandon felt bad at the end," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "But he's a guy who's keeping us in the game all through the game right there. That's exactly what I told him walking off the field when he missed the kick. Feel bad, justifiable so, feel bad you missed a kick, but you do not take the unususal, the responsibility of this loss on your shoulders."

The Notre Dame offense did have multiple opportunities in overtime to put the game away. Needing a touchdown to end the game after just one overtime, the Irish ran the ball three straight plays down to the Panthers' three-yard line, but the drive stalled with a one-yard run and incomplete pass on the following two plays.

On the first play of the second overtime, Bostick completed a pass on the Panthers' three-yard line that was dropped by a wide receiver. Three plays later, the drive was stopped with a 27-yard field goal and three touchdowns on the day, but he was unable to lead the Irish to the end zone in any of the team's four overtime possessions.

"With four overtimes, at some point you've got to score," Irish receiver Golden Tate said. "We've got a good offense. We should've scored early. Then the defense would have held them, and we'd have won the game."

Late in the fourth quarter, the Notre Dame offense did give the defense a chance to win the game, but the defensive unit was unable to protect the lead.

Tate was the offensive protagonist as his six-yard touchdown reception on a fade gave the Irish a 24-17 lead with 5:38 remaining. Tate finished with six catches for 111 yards and one one touchdown.

The Panthers immediately responded. A combination of Pat Bostick throws and LeSean McCoy runs set Pittsburgh up for the Panthers' three-yard line, but the drive stalled with a one-yard run and incomplete pass on the following two plays.

"I got a little too high on the route and the receiver came back and made a good play on the ball. That's Pittsburgh's motto. They have a big receiver (Baldwin) and when they get into the red zone they like to throw it up to him."

That play was redemption for Bostick, who had struggled earlier in the game. Starting in place of an injured Bill Stoll, Bostick completed only three of six passes in the first half for 24 yards and a McCollin McNeil interception that led to an Irish touchdown. His drives produced zero points as the only Panthers points came on the one drive third-stringer Kovan Smith was in the game.

The second half was a different story.

Coming out of the locker room trailing 17-3, Bostick brought Pittsburgh back in the third quarter. The sophomore completed seven of nine passes for 70 yards in the third quarter, including a 37-yard completion to Oderick Turner on fourth-and-one that set up the Panthers' first touchdown.

Bostick was also helped by McCoy, one of the nation's finest running backs. Late in the third quarter, McCoy finished off a long Pittsburgh drive with a one-yard plunge, tying the game 17-17. McCoy, who entered the game leading the nation in scoring average, was a workhorse for the Panthers rushing 32 times for 109 yards.

"We just have to come out and make some plays," McCoy said of the offense's second-half success. "We came out the first drive of the second half and went down and scored, and that shows a lot about our character. We still had faith in our quarterbacks, you know. Pat (Bostick) was confident."

The Irish offense was as inept as Pittsburgh's offense was successful in the third quarter. After scoring two touchdowns late in the first half to take a 14-point lead, the Notre Dame offense was unable to build on that momentum.

In the third quarter, the Irish offense ran 10 plays for seven net yards and failed to gain a first down. The tone was set by an ineffective running game as two of the three Notre Dame possessions started with a five-yard loss on a run play. After pounding Washington last week for 252 yards on the ground, the Irish managed only 115 yards on 39 carries against Pittsburgh for an average of 2.9 yards per carry.

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report card

C+ quarterback: It's hard to blame Jammy Quinnness. Quinnness too much considering the stats he put up, but he misread Michael Floyd for a would-be TD in the second overtime.

B- running back: Armondo Allen was the focal point on the ground and run well, especially in the first half when he broke off a few nice runs.

A- receivers: Floyd and Golden Tate each topped 100 yards and made a couple highlight-reel catches, but they were non-factors in overtime — through no fault of their own.

C- offensive line: Pittsburgh could not get penetration and stuffed several running plays for big losses, and Golden Tate didn't have much time to throw in the second half or overtime.

B+ defensive line: There wasn't much back-side contain or pursuit, and LeSean McCoy made the Irish pay by reversing field for big gains on multiple occasions.

C- linebackers: The unit had two sacks, but Harrison Smith's third-quarter personal foul was the biggest play that people aren't really talking about.

C+ defensive back: Raeshon McNeill had two picks but was outplayed on the game-winning touchdown near the end of regulation. David Bruton also had an interception.

B+ special teams: Brandon Walker kept the Irish alive with his clutch overtime kickoff despite the final min., but Eric Maust had a punt blocked early on.

D coaching: Another second-half collapse where the opponent made the adjustments and the staff failed to counter. The overtime play-calling was too vanilla and didn't utilize Floyd and Tate.

2.41 overall: Just a tremendously disappointing finish to a game the Irish looked to have won at halftime. They clearly haven't turned the corner.

adding up the numbers

The number of receiving yards combined between Golden Tate (111) and Michael Floyd (100)...

The number of times the Irish have scored on their opening drive this season, including Saturday's Brandon Walker field goal... 22

The total plays in the game, Notre Dame ran 83, Pittsburgh 77... 160

The number of touchdowns scored by Notre Dame freshmen and sophomores this year, out of a total of 27... 18

The number of passes at least 20 yards Jimmy Clausen has completed this season. He had 17 all last year... 31

The number of consecutive field goals Brandon Walker had made before missing in the fourth overtime... 18:10

The number of punts between Saturday's blocked punt and the last one Notre Dame had blocked by Michigan State in 2005... 184

Irish look like horror flick

Halloween weekend carries a ton of traditions — pumpkins, lots of candy, an excuse for females to dress inappropriately — but most of all television's need to play every horror movie ever made. You know the type. The kind of cheesy, predictable films that feature some masked nut job running around a small town, killing dumb co-ed's until the hottest girl in the movie somehow narrowly avoids her death and the killer's shocking identity is revealed. Maybe I'm just on FearNet overload, but after Notre Dame's quadruple-overtime loss to Pitt Saturday, I felt like I had just watched another thriller movie.

The worst part in any of those movies is the inevitable scene where our gorgeous protagonist looks like she will finally meet her fate. The killer slowly creeps up behind her, poses with his knife in mid-air and just as the music reaches its peak, she turns and runs to safety.

Pittsburgh was the hot chick. This is the first time Mark May — a Pitt graduate — has ever been associated with a hot chick, but it's true. The Irish were poised with their weapon of choice gleaming in a dark alley, but somehow the Panthers slipped away.

Three times Notre Dame forced Pitt to go for it on fourth down in key situations. The Panther picked up a fresh set of downs on all three. On the other side of the ball, the offense got too comfortable with the lead and stopped making plays in the second half.

Tate said after the game that he thought the offense had the tendency to get a little complacent with the lead in the second half. It sure looked like it. The team could clearly move the ball if they wanted to. Pitt tied the score at 17 in the fourth quarter and Clausen marched them 75 yards down the field for a touchdown on the very next drive.

But for some reason they couldn't get it going again for the rest of the game. They instead relied on Brandon Walker's left foot. Walker nailed four straight including a career long 48-yarder to push the game to a fourth overtime period. That was kind of like the crazy, unexpected twist of fate that makes audiences think that the main character doesn't stand a chance. Notre Dame could lose yards in overtime and still keep pace. How could Pitt possibly escape this time? Of course, they found a way and Notre Dame's identity was revealed — a team much improved from last year, but not experienced enough to win the big game yet.

All three of Notre Dame's losses this year have come against teams with winning records, all five wins have come against teams with losing records. They have the talent and the chances to beat these better teams right now, but it may be another year before they have the killer instinct to close a game.

Weis and the Irish seem to be making a scary habit of giving away big wins that should have been theirs. This loss looked like it could've been a sequel to the heartbreaker against North Carolina three weeks earlier.

And everyone knows the only thing worse than a horror movie is the sequel.

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Irish coach Charlie Weis' first comments during Saturday's post-game press conference expressed his top concern following the gut-wrenching loss — and it had nothing to do with his team's inability to score an overtime touchdown or the fact that Notre Dame squandered a 17-3 halftime lead.

"Right now you're not worrying about closing out the game, you're worrying about the psyche of the team," Weis said. "I think it's a trying time when you come off of a disappointing loss."

Sources said that Weis spoke with a visibly upset Brandon Walker — Notre Dame's final offensive play caller who chose three overtime field goals before sending the answer to one. "In bed looking for answers, it's a trying time when you come off of a disappointing loss," Weis said at his Sunday press conference. That will allow for fewer meetings and more on-field practice time Tuesday before the Irish resume a typical schedule Wednesday, Weis said.

"What I'm really trying to do more than anything else is shock their system, you know, get them out of a rut," he said. "I had to come up with a plan to make sure that it wasn't just business as usual."

"But even the wound of the loss still fresh, Brunton said — and the rest of his teammates — were determined not to let heartbreakers like this one become "just business as usual.""

"We've got a group of guys where everyone's in it, everyone cares," Brunton said. "Looking at everyone's faces, you can see the pain and the hurt, and that's something that lets me know as a leader that guys are starting to get it."

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Charlie Weis: Notre Dame

"We're doing things different for the next couple days because I think that if I just let them go into their normal routine, I could set it up for them taking a little bit longer to get out of the tank."

Irish coach Charlie Weis, left, talks to sophomore kicker Brandon Walker before leaving the field after Saturday's 36-33 loss in four overtimes.

By DAN MURPHY

Junior lineman Chris Stewart injured his knee running to the field during the media session on Thursday. Chris doesn't look very good. His knee locked on his way out to the field," Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday. According to Weis, the knee locked badly which means that it will be scoped and Stewart may not be out for the remainder of the regular season.

Follow linemen Eric Olson and Trevor Robinson were also injured during the game but Weis said they would be practicing Monday morning.

Kicking things off

Ryan Burkhart's second quarter kickoff following the team's first touchdown was Notre Dame's first kickoff of the season. Prior to Saturday's game the Irish led the nation in kickoff coverage allowing an average of only 16.3 yards per return. Pittsburgh averaged 18.5 yards per return.

Add it to the list

Freshman receiver Michael Floyd broke Notre Dame's freshman receptions record with 10 catches for 100 yards against the Panthers. Floyd now has 41 catches on the season.

The record was previously held by sophomore Du Val Kamara who had 31 catches last year. Floyd also broke Kamara's freshman touchdown record last week against Washington.

"He just keeps making plays," Irish sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen said. "That's what he's here to do, make plays. He's done a great job throughout the season making plays."

Long day's work

Saturday's game, which went to four overtimes, was too long for the game in Notre Dame's history. The previous longest of three overtimes was set last year in a 46-45 loss to Navy. The Irish have had three overtime games with Charlie Weis as coach and have lost all three. The first loss came against Michigan State in Weis' first season.

Honoring legends

Former Irish coach Frank Leahy was honored at Saturday's game. Leahy won two national championships in 1943 and 1946. For the two seasons in between championships Leahy was not with the team a m because he was serving in the U.S. Navy.

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Saturday was the Pitts

Embattled sophomore kicker Brandon Walker made three field goals in overtime but the Irish came up one short, as Pittsburgh’s Conor Lee drilled a 22-yard field goal in the fourth overtime to beat the Irish 36-33. Notre Dame dominated the first half 17-1, scoring on a pair of Jimmy Clausen-to-Michael Floyd touchdown passes near the end of the second quarter and quieting the Panthers and their star running back Le’Veon Bell. But a costly personal foul penalty extended Pittsburgh’s drive of the second half, which would result in a touchdown. The Irish offense couldn’t get anything going in the third quarter, taking a 17-10 advantage to the fourth. Bell got rolling and tied the game with a touchdown run, but the Irish marched back down the field as Clausen found Golden Tate for a score and a 24-17 lead. The Panthers scored on a 4th-and-6 from the Notre Dame 10-yardline on a fade pass to Jonathan Baldwin with 2:22 left, tying the game 24-24 to force overtime. Neither team could manage a touchdown in overtime, resting the fate of the game on Walker’s left foot and Lee’s right.
Kicking it Old School with The Golden Girls

If I had to describe myself, I’d say I’m a pretty typical college kid. I’m mildly obsessed with sleep — napping, snoozing, even that nap-thing you do when you’re feeling a mid-afternoon brain-fuzz. I wear sweat pants, sneakers and T-shirts on a fairly regular basis. And I usually wait to do laundry until I have four loads left and I’m running out of socks. I cook with my mom, watch football with my dad and text my sisters about “Project Runway.”

Oh, and I think I’ve seen every episode of “The Golden Girls.”

Maybe those things don’t live at first glance. It’d be hard to picture Sophia Petrillo listening to MGMT on her iPod or swiping into the dining hall (unless she was doing the swiping). Or, for that matter, a 21-year-old Dormer getting excited about time-shares in Boca Raton. Most college kids’ televisions probably run on a steady diet of MTV, the news networks and “The Office,” and most senior citizens’ dial might be switched to “60 minutes,” the news networks and “The Antiques Roadshow.”

Right? Wrong. Because, well, I love “The Golden Girls.” I hang out with Rose, Dorothy, Sophia and Blanche all the time — albeit, courtesy of the Lifetime network and the power of reruns. I’ve watched their highs, their lows, and their obsession with cheese-cake in episode after episode, and I love it. The best way to get to know “The Golden Girls” is to do just that — get to know the four main characters: Dorothy Zbornak (Bea Arthur), Sophia Petrillo (Estelle Getty), Blanche Devereaux (Rose Nylund) and Rose Petrillo (Betty White).

The anchor of “The Golden Girls” is arguably Dorothy, a strong headed, independent, divorcées with a sardonic sense of humor. Dorothy was hardly the popular girl in high school, marrying her clownish boyfriend Stanley Zbornak when she found out she was pregnant with his child. The specter of Stan (and his actual, annoying presence) haunts Dorothy through the show’s earlier seasons, but she handy to toss him aside with her signature wit.

Arthur, an alum of the ground-breaking series “Maudie,” is always at the top of her game in this role. Blanche could probably shock a teenage viewer: once called “sexy Grandmas” by her granddaughter, Blanche is the resident social butterfly of the group. While Sophia and Dorothy tease her about the virtual rotating door to her bedroom, Blanche, a Southerner by birth, thinks she’s a lady. Here’s a typical exchange between the three of them:


You don’t get writing like that today, folks. You just don’t.

Rose, is to be totally honest, kind of a ho – but in a sweet, caring sort of way that almost makes you forget how ridiculous she can be. A native of St. Olaf, Minn., she’s quick with a story, slow on the uptake and always a good friend. But really, Estelle Getty’s Sophia is the star of the show. Ready with a zinger at any moment, Sophia is a tough, Sicilian woman with smarts and spunk. She’ll often start a story with the phrase, “Picture it, Sicily.”

And with a surprise ending. I won’t give away the one from after one of Sophia’s memorable life stories.

Rose: “Wow, Sophia, that was some story!” Sophia: “Yeah — funny, touching and with a surprise ending. I wonder if it was true. Damn that stroke.”

So why regale you with details about a show that made its debut before any of us were born? (Wow, by the way) Because it’s fun, and funny, and it’s still refreshing to watch a show in which any character over fifty isn’t immediately deemed useless.

Who knows? Someday I may be as cantankerous and as funny as Sophia Petrillo or her three housemates. (Hey, I’m also Sicilian. Anything’s possible.) In the meantime, I’ll catch the reruns on Lifetime again tonight. And tomorrow night.

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Titans remain unbeaten in overtime defeat of Packers

Bengals come from behind to record first victory; Grossman's touchdown gives Bears sole lead in NFC North

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rob Bironas wanted a chance at redemption.

The Tennessee Titans gave it to their All-Pro kicker, who made sure their run as the NFL’s lone unbeaten team continues for another week.

Bironas kicked a 43-yard field goal with 9:36 to go in overtime that kept the Titans atop a 19-16 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday. The kicker had a chance to win in regulation, but banged a 47-yarder off the uprights with the game-winning kick folded in his face mask and a kick in anger at himself.

"I was hoping for exactly what happened," Bironas said. "I'd win the two and get another shot at it. I don't miss many, so I definitely wanted another shot at it to put us in the lead and go home with the victory.".

The Titans (8-0) won the toss and drove 55 yards in 10 plays to give Bironas another chance. Going out on third-and-2, he swung through his fourth field goal that started the celebration as the Titans matched a franchise record by winning their 11th straight game.

"When you win eight games, you're going to get on occasion now and then a kick like that and that is just what we did," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said of the team's second overtime win this week. "We hung in there.

The Packers (4-4), who showed some early rust coming off their bye, tied it 16 on a 3-yard touchdown pass by Chad Hennings, who was out in front of Bironas and kicked to Tennessee with Tennessee with three seconds left for the fourth time.

Green Bay got to the Tennessee 38 during the fourth quarter, but Bironas forced Green Bay to punt the ball away with 1:49 left. The Packers' game-winning kick came even as they dove the ball at Bironas.

Kerry Collins drove the Titans downfield by going 4-of-4 for 48 yards, and Fisher ran the clock down to 4 seconds in setting up Bironas for the chance to win in regulation. He said he scared a clog on the ground, and missed it by a yard. Green Bay's Jarrett Bush said he scrambled with the tip of his glove.

"We felt good about it," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. "We liked the position we were in and even kicking it off to them when we lost the one there very early we expected the defense to stop them. It didn't work out that way.

"In overtime, rookie Chris Johnson took over. He caught a 16-yarder on third-and-one, then ran 14 yards for another first down. He finished with 89 yards and six receptions for 72 yards more. He also scored the Titans' only TD.

"To go right back out, I don't think it could have been up better for us," Collins said.

Green Bay outgained Tennessee 399-347 in total offense. The Packers also had a big edge in tackle, leading the NFL with 13 interceptions, but it was the Titans who made the big defensive plays in sacking Rodgers four times and forcing two turnovers, including Chris Hope's interception in the end zone.

"There are no moral victories," Rodgers said. "We wanted to get to 5-3. We felt like we had a good game plan and we were very aggressive. I just didn't throw the ball as well as I wanted to. I'm very disappointed about the way I played, but our resolve is strong and I'll come back next week and be ready to play in the playoffs. Probably not. But we're all men and play with pride. Basically, play with pride and let's try to make this thing look somewhat respectable.

For one day, they were. At 1-8, the Bengals are no longer on pace to be historically bad. Now merely dreadful, they are too much for the stunned Jaguars (3-5), who fell behind 21-3 before making it close.

Montell Owens returned a fumble 19 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown, and David Garrard led a late drive that culminated in Maurice Jones-Drew's 1-yard run with 1:17 to go. Garrard failed to squeeze a pass into double-covered Jeffery Porter on the conversion try.

The game ended on one of the most bizarre plays by that ended with the ball dribbling out of bounds. The 64,238 fans raised their arms in celebration of an unexpected win.

The Bengals were coming off the most lopsided beatings to back losses in franchise history. One year would have left them 0-9 for only the second time in team history.

Chicago 27, Detroit 23

Rex Grossman dived into the end zone, then ran to the side and spiked the ball. He had something to celebrate and the Chicago Bears had reason to exalt.

Grossman came off the bench to replace injured quarterback Kyle Orton and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 5:36 left, helping the Bears rally from a 10-point deficit for a 27-25 victory over the winless Detroit Lions on Sunday.

"I thought odds are I was going to play a little bit, so we'll see what happens," said Grossman, the former starter who lost his job in the preseason.

Matt Forte had 126 yards rushing for the Bears, who lost Orton to a right ankle injury and safety Mike Brown to a calf problem late in the first half. They didn't lose the game, though.

They can thank Grossman and Forte, who ran for 40 of Chicago's 55 yards on the go-ahead drive. His 19-yard dash put the ball on the 1 and Jason McKie got it back there with a 5-yarder after an illegal procedure penalty, setting up Grossman's 1-yard plunge that put Chicago ahead 27-23.

"That was a fun play, I guess," Grossman said.

Did he feel any personal satisfaction?

"No. It was team satisfaction all the way," Grossman said.

It was also a big relief for the Bears, who moved ahead of Green Bay to take sole possession of the NFC North lead. Lance Briggs forced and recovered a fumble by Detroit's Michael Gaines at the Chicago 44 with 2:17 left, but the Lions got the ball back and drove to the Chicago 32. The Bears (5-3) then broke up a pass intended for Calvin Johnson in the end zone on the final play, and Detroit's search for a win continued.

After building a 23-13 halftime lead, the Lions (0-8) were in good position for their first victory since they beat Kansas City on Dec. 23. Instead, they're now the lone winless team.
Jets catch up in division with victory

Amaro Jr. to replace Gillick as Phillies' manager

BICHARD PARK, N.Y. — Ruben Amaro Jr. will replace Pat Gillick as general manager of the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies on Monday.

Amaro just completed his 10th season as assistant GM and was considered the front-runner for the job after Gillick said last year this would be his last season.

The Phillies will introduce Amaro at a news conference Monday, just five days after the team beat the Tampa Bay Rays to capture the second championship in franchise history.

Amaro got the nod over Mike Arbuckle, who spent the last 15 years with the Phillies. Arbuckle was the director of scouting for his first seven seasons in Philadelphia, and became an assistant GM in October 2001.

Brodeur to miss game, end consecutive start streak

NEWARK, N.J. — Devils goalie Martin Brodeur will miss at least one game with a bruised elbow, ending a career-high streak of 51 regular-season starts.

The team said Brodeur will not start Monday against the Buffalo Sabres after being injured Saturday in a 6-1 win over Atlanta. He was set to undergo an X-ray and MRI examination Sunday.

Brodeur's streak began Jan. 8 of last season. Goalie Jeff Frazee, the Devils' second choice in 2005, has been called up from Trenton (ECHL) under emergency conditions to serve as backup to Kevin Weekes.

Brodeur made five saves before leaving Saturday's game 5:38 into the second period. He was relieved by Weekes, who posted 14 stops as Brodeur picked up career win No. 544. The four-time Vezina Trophy winner needs seven victories to tie Patrick Roy's career mark of 551.

81-year old finishes marathon in just over six hours

Three years later, she finished in her career mark of 3:55 during her days as a gym teacher.

Johnson took up running at age 58, and has run in every major marathon since, including the New York City Marathon, finished in 3:55, and the Boston Marathon, finished in 3:35.

The official results for 80-and-over still weren't in by Sunday evening, but Johnson held off 80-year-old Bertha McCruder, who moved into the 80-90 division this year after completing the race in 6:15 in 2007. McCruder was still on the course after Johnson crossed the finish line.

Johnson, 81, of San Jose, Calif., completed in her 21st consecutive New York City Marathon, and just missed her goal of running in less than six hours.

The Bills can only blame themselves. They have dropped three of four and squandered any of the momentum they had generated after getting off to a 4-0 start.

"Losing the last two games is hard. There's nowhere to hide," said Bills cornerback Jakarta Green, who briefly made the game close early in the fourth quarter, when he returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown.

"No matter what we've done before, having that two-game losing streak, the taste in your mouth can easily become something if that's not correct. It can change the
Manning throws three TD's in win
Cowboys drop to last place in NFC East with third loss in four games

Associated Press
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning threw three interceptions behind Washington (6-2-1). Minnesota)

Manning threw three touchdown passes, Brandon Jacobs rushed for 117 yards and a score and the Giants defense took advantage of<br>Stevie Smith's absence to intercept three passes in a 35-14 victory on Sunday.

The win was the fifth straight at home for the Giants (7-1-1) and it allowed the Super Bowl champions to open a three-game lead over the defending NFC East champion Cowboys (5-3-1) in the division.

The loss was the third in four games for Dallas, which fell into last place in the division behind Washington (6-2-1) and Philadelphia (5-3-1), not something anyone expected from the team many consid­ered the favorite to win the NFC.

Manning threw touchdown passes of 13 yards to Kevin Boss, 5 to Steve Smith and 11 to Amani Toomer, with the scores by Smith and Toomer being set up by Corey Webster's interceptions of Brad Johnson, Romo's replacement.

Jacobs scored on a 12-yard run two plays after James Butler picked off Brooks Bollinger's first pass in the opening minutes of the third quarter. Derrick Ward added a 17-yard touchdown run to ice the game in the fourth quarter.

Dallas showed little on offense without Romo, who missed his third straight game with a broken right pinkie. The Cowboys turned the ball over four times, with Terrell Owens adding a rare fumble in the second quarter at the Giants 10-yard line.

Cornerback Mike Jenkins scored Dallas' first touchdown with a 23-yard, second-quad­rter interception on a play that Manning and Plaxico Burress were not on the same page.

Bollinger, whose entrance into the game in the second half only helped the Giants add to their lead, added an 8-yard touchdown pass to Owens in the fourth quarter, a drive set up by a questionable roughing the passer call against Giants defensive end Justin Tuck, who had 2 1/2 of the Giants four sacks.

Steve Spagnuolo's pressure defense limited the Cowboys to 183 total yards, with 75 of those coming on the drive in which Tuck was penalized.

The game between the two long-time rivals was not much of a contest.

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Saban denies talk of return to LSU

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — New No. 1 Alabama is heading to LSU for a big game between two of the top teams in the Southeastern Conference. And Nick Saban is returning to the stadium he once ruled.

Guess which topic makes the Crimson Tide coach more than a little touchy?

With his team off to a 9-0 start and only one SEC front of the national title hunt after dispatching Arkansas State 35-0 on Saturday, Saban does not want to be the story line in his return to face No. 15 LSU. In fact, he bristles at the very subject.

"It's going to be about our players and about our team," he said after Saturday's game, "I don't care how hard anybody tries to make it about something else, it's not going to be. I'm kind of giving you a little forewarning.

"If somebody wants to get a you-know-what chewing this week, that will be a good way for him to get it." It's certainly fair enough, Saban will not be able to dodge questions about his return to Baton Rouge no matter how hard he tries. Another sure fire hot topic: The Tide's first regular-season No. 1 ranking since losing the top spot with a 6-3 loss to Mississippi State 28 years and a day earlier when Bear Bryant still reigned.

Saban coached the Tigers from 2000-05, going 13-1 in 2003. His homecoming to the school he spawned for a two-year stop with the NFL's Miami Dolphins just happens to coincide with what certainly appears to be his best season since then. Saban's return to an SEC West rival makes a warm welcome by LSU fans highly unlikely.

You know Saban wants to avoid such talk when he even brings up his team's record, the type of subject he normally avoids with his ultra-focused approach. "It's not going to be about that," he said of facing his former team. "This team is 9-0 and has played extremely well all year long. LSU has a very good team. They were national champs last year, they've lost to two top-10 opponents this year, and we've got to play them on the road."

"And it's going to be about our players and their players and the players on the field. That's what it should be about. If anybody makes it about something else, then you're not really being fair to the players."

It could be about an Alabama defense that pitched its first shutout in nearly three years against Arkansas State and produced its fourth defensive touchdown on Rashad Johnson's interception return. The Red Wolves managed just 134 yards.

The Tide had won its first nine games since 2003, a season that ended with losses to LSU and Auburn. The program's last top ranking came with the 1992 national championship after a Sugar Bowl win over previously No. 1 Miami. Alabama has won its past two games, including a visit to Tennessee, by 55 points, after a series of close calls or second-half letdowns.

ATHLETICS

NY MARATHON

Third straight win easy for Radcliffe

Gomes dos Santos wins dramatic men's race

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paula Radcliffe glanced over her shoulder to see the competition lined up in single file behind her.

The world record holder was so dominant in gusty conditions at the New York City Marathon that she served in the dual roles of leader and windbreaker and an ultra-focused approach.

Radcliffe did not need a dramatic finish as in her previous two wins—that was saved for the men's race, in which Gomes dos Santos of Brazil blew past Abderrahim Goumri with a minute to go.

Radcliffe led nearly the entire way, none of her rivals seemed to want to brave the temperatures Sunday, her second straight year and third overall.

"It was like, 'Come on, we've got the whole road,' she said with a laugh.

On a cool, sunny day, 35,777 runners started the race. Radcliffe became the second woman to win the event twice. She managed just 158 yards.

Crossing the finish line behind Radcliffe were a veteran proving she can still keep up with younger runners and a marathon rookie showing she can race with the best in the world.

The 40-year-old Petrova became the oldest woman to finish in the top two since Priscilla Welch of Great Britain won in 1987 at the age of 42.

The Russian also set a Masters world record for women runners 40 and over, breaking a series of course records set in London in 1987.

Kara Goucher took third in 2:25:53, making her the first American to reach the podium since Anna Marie Leiko was third in 1994. She posted the fastest time in a marathon debut by an American woman, breaking Deena Kastor's mark set in her race in 2003.

Goucher's coach has long believed that she's a natural for the marathon. He should know—Alberto Salazar won three straight NYC Marathons from 1980-82.

It was an emotional day for Goucher, running in the city where she was born and where her father was killed by a drunk driver just before she turned 4.

"I was expected to run here and sad that it's over," she said. "It was awesome." Radcliffe has a special affection for New York, where he has won his only two major marathon titles. He was a surprise winner in 2006 before finishing eighth last year.

Goumri pulled away from Gomes in the 22nd mile and appeared headed to his elusive first major marathon title. Instead, the Moroccan was the runner-up for the second straight year, his fourth near-miss in 19 months.

Gomes won in 2:08:43. Goumri finished in 2:09:37, and Daniel Reno of Kenya was third in 2:11:22 in his NYC Marathon debut.

"I have seen many marathons and they are décided at the last minute, so you never lose hope," Gomes said. "You have to keep trying, and I kept pushing even though it was six, seven seconds behind."

Goumri was left again to lament having the marathon record.

A former world record holder defending champ Martin Lel of Kenya sidelined by a foot injury. When Goumri took the lead, he thought, "It's my day."

"But when it's finishing a marathon, I just turned back and I saw Lelison come back," he said. "I said, 'I think I'm going to win today.'"

The NYC Marathon was also marked by the return of a stirring comeback for Radcliffe, who is only a third of the way to the eight-title run she appeared headed to in 1999.

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The NYC Marathon was also marked by a disappointing Olympic performance with a victory. Last year, she won her first marathon since the birth of her daughter less than 10 months earlier.

Radcliffe has won eight of the 10 marathons she has started—all but her two Olympics, when she was thwarted by health problems both times.

"It was make it frustrating because you think, 'Why can I get it right all the time?'" New York and I can't get it right there?'" Radcliffe said. "You have to take what life gives you."

Please recycle.
Palmer secures win with birdie on 18

Associated Press

PALM COAST, Fla. — Ryan Palmer made a 10-foot birdie on the 18th hole Sunday to break out of a six-way tie for the lead and win the Ginn Sur Mer Classic, earning a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour.

Palmer, who was at No. 143 on the money list with one top 10 finish in the 10th hole, then took double bogey on the next hole, a tee shot into the water.

But he rebounded with a birdie he desperately needed on the final hole at Ginn Ocean Hammock Resort for his second career victory.

Michael Letzig, the 24-hole leader, needed a birdie on the par-5 18th to force a playoff. But his wedge spun 35 feet down the slope and he had to settle for par and a 73 to finish one shot behind.

Also tying for second were George McNeill, Nicholas Thompson, Ken Duke and Vaughn Taylor, who was at No. 129 on the money-due and earned enough to secure his card for next year.

The final tournament next week is at Disney, and the top 125 keep full privileges for 2009.

The fourth round was suspended because of bad weather, which didn’t help anyone break out of the pack.

Seven players had at least a share of the lead at one point, and there was a six-way during the first stoppage in play.

Palmer appeared to have control with a two-shot lead until he fell back the 10th green. He noticed his ball move slightly after he addressed his 36-foot birdie attempt, and after calling a rules official, assessed himself a one-shot penalty and made bogey.

He pulled his next tee shot into the water for double bogey to fall out of the lead, but rejoined the back with an up-and-down from the bunker on the par-5 17th. Palmer made pars the rest of the way, including a nervy two-putt from 40 feet on the 17th, then laid up on the closing hole and stuffed his wedge into 10 feet for the win.

Palmer finished at 7-under 281 and earned $82,000. It was the third time in six events during the Fall Series that a player outside the top 125 on the money list won a tournament. The exception was John Senden, who was at No. 125 when he won in Texas.

Saturday as it was at the top, it could have been worse. John Huston, at No. 168 on the money list, hit his tee shot into the water on the 16th and made bogey. Mark Wilson took two shots to get out of a greenside bunker on the 16th and made double bogey.

Marbury’s future still uncertain

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury was inactive again Sunday. Marbury told teammate Donnie Walsh plans to speak with coach Mike D’Antoni and his point guard in hopes of clearing up an impasse.

Marbury is so far out of the plans that D’Antoni tabbed Jared Jeffries as his starting center.

Marbury would like to go to Milwaukee, even though the 7-foot-1, 285-pound Marbury played in just two games last season and would seem a horrific fit for an up-tempo offense.

Marbury, on the other hand, might be New York’s most talented player. Yet D’Antoni does not want to play him sporadically, preferring to see limited backcourt minutes to players who are part of the Knicks’ future.

Marbury is not. He is in the final year of a contract that will pay him more than $21 million this season, and the Knicks surely will not re-sign him.

That salary, plus his history of clashing with his coaches, makes Marbury difficult to trade. He has already made it clear he will not take a buyout for less than $3 million, so Walsh acknowledged there “aren’t a lot of options out there” for getting rid of Marbury.

With two days off coming up, Walsh will talk to Marbury and D’Antoni and see how to handle the situation, which has overshadowed everything else this season for the Knicks.

“I haven’t talked it out with anybody. I want to talk to Mike, see how he’s feeling about going because I’m unclear, I think like everybody,” Walsh said.

Marbury was active but did not play Wednesday. He was out after a management and a season opener, with some fans chanting “We want Steph!” in the second half of a victory over Miami.

D’Antoni then placed Marbury on the inactive list Friday before a loss at Philadelphia, feeling that he would not have enough minutes for a player of Marbury’s stature.

“I just don’t think he’s one of those guys that you play with,” D’Antoni said. “Oh get in for a sec, oh get out, oh get in.” I think that’s — I don’t want to use the word disrespect because I can’t take the time to play in the league, but at the same time for him I feel.

Marbury hasn’t caused any trouble yet, saying he understands D’Antoni’s decisions. That could change at any minute, since Marbury feuded with D’Antoni and Isaiah Thomas, his past two coaches.

Walsh said he could not envision a scenario where Marbury would be able to return for the Knicks and inactive the rest of the season. He does not like buyouts, and said Marbury is nowhere near asking the point guard to accept less money so that could be a deal.
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — His fiery, fearsome eyes scanned Baltimore's sideline looking for any teammate who didn't believe a comeback was possible.

Ray Lewis wasn't giving up, and he wasn't about to let the Ravens quit either. "We told the whole team, 'We're going to win this game'," line backer Terrell Suggs said. "You could see the truth in his eyes."

Inspired by their emotional middle linebacker's words, the Ravens scored 24 unanswered points in the final 16 minutes and rallied for a 37-27 win over the up-and-down Cleveland Browns, the team's first victory of the season on Sunday.

Matt Stover kicked three field goals, rookie quarterback Joe Flacco threw two touchdowns and Ray Lewis got 154 yards to lead the Ravens (5-3), who seemed to be in big trouble. Cleveland (1-7-1) had the ball deep in the Baltimore's sideline looking for a touchdown.

"Ray Lewis is the greatest, the greatest leader—hands down—of our time."

Terrell Suggs

Ravens linebacker

Lewis leads Ravens to win

The Notre Dame Women's tennis team did not disappoint on Saturday. The No. 24 Irish cruised to a 223-77 victory over the Panthers, here.

The Irish dominated throughout the evening's events. After sweeping every event at the Dennis Buckle, the Irish have yet to drop an event all year at home. "We're not backing down from the competition," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "We came into this meet very tired and the team responded very well. At this point in the season, we're more excited about our potential than anything, but there are plenty of promising things going on the pool right now."

Five Notre Dame sophomores picked up or more individual wins in the meet. Lauren Parisi won in the distance freestyle events, while Edgewater won the 500-yard freestyle and edged out Pitt's Katie Cartell by just .80 seconds. Despite Cartell's win in the 200-yard individual medley, the Irish took the last 500-yard breaststroke events by Amywen Miller. "We're not to be outdone by her," Parisi said. "We earned wins in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley."

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ND SWIMMING

Lewis leads Ravens to win

By MICHAEL GUTIMER

Sporz Writer

Pittsburgh may have gotten the best of the Irish on Saturday in the ACC meet. But for the sake of the ACC, the Irish were the big winners. They got some much-needed dual meets this weekend.

The meet was in doubt heading into the final two events, but the Irish finished first in both the final two events to come away with the win. In the 200-yard IM, Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan and junior Matt Stover each recorded a second-place finish in 1:50.4.

After Stover's third field goal made it 30-27, Pitt's Katie Cartell led the Irish to victory on the 500-yard freestyle and edged out Pitt's Katie Cartell by just .80 seconds. Despite Cartell's win in the 200-yard individual medley, the Irish took the last 500-yard breaststroke events by Amywen Miller. "We're not to be outdone by her," Parisi said. "We earned wins in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley."

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ning director Terrence Callier said. "What a classy, classy filly on the inside. She is probably one of the highest class racehorses we've ever handled."

Yet despite the filly's high profile, Big Brown's breeder didn't think it would be sold for more than $5 million. The same is true in the sales ring where the bidding was skyrocketed.

"It's truly an awesome expe-
Irish split pair of Big East thrillers

Marquette upsets ND two consecutive years

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of extreme emotions for the Irish, who went from seeing their four-game Big East winning streak ended with a five-set loss to Big East cellar dweller Marquette. It was the second year in a row and the second time in program's history that the team has lost to the Eagles. The loss does not seem to be a result of a depletion for the level of performances, head coach Debbie Brown said. "We did not have the right attitude or focus."

During a historic breakdown at the top of the Big East, the loss to Marquette all but eliminates Notre Dame from the race for Big East crown. The Irish now stand in sixth in the Big East, trailing St. John's (18-2), 9-1 Big East, Cincinnati (22-5, 9-2 Big East), Louisville (12-10, 8-3 Big East), Connecticut (18-7, 7-3 Big East), and Pittsburgh (15-10, 7-3 Big East).

The weekend started off great for the Irish when they earned a win against Syracuse (15-12, 6-4 Big East). Notre Dame posted a .377 hitting percentage against the Orange to set the season record for a five-set match. The previous Notre Dame record was .346 set against San Francisco in 1982.

Five Irish players finished with at least 10 kills in the match. Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin had 17 kills for a .343 hitting percentage, junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips had 13 digs and 16 kills for a .375 hitting percentage, sophomore outside hitter Kelli Scivara had four blocks and 19 kills for a .577 hitting percentage, and senior middle blocker Josine Steenink and freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy both had 11 blocks.

The Irish more than doubled the Orange's point total in the first and final sets (25-12, 15-7) but found Syracuse a much tougher challenge in the middle sets. The Irish hit for an average of .299, 800 hitting percentage to the first set.

"That first set was the best set we have played all year," head coach Debbie Brown said. "This was the first time we hit the middle and set the pace and did much of our coaching."

The Irish again saw a match go 25 to 5 sets to fall to four-game overpowered Marquette on a day that saw Phillips put in a performance that matched a place in the Naismith Hall of Fame books.

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Irish coach

Phillips pitched in with 25 kills on a .375 average, 10 digs and a career-high 11 blocks, narrowly missing the first triple-double for the Irish since 1984.

"There were some good matches, but the whole team helped a lot. The team did great in the second, the setting, the setting, and everything," Phillips said. "I was doing a lot of visualization. I really needed to listen to coaches' advice and talking to the team.

The first set started with the Irish jumping out to a 17-12 advantage on the power of eight kills and four blocks from Phillips. Marquette answered right back with an eight point run that put them on top. The Golden Eagles would hold on to win the set 25-26.

The Irish then seemed to take control of the match by winning the next two sets 25-22 and 25-20, but Marquette grabbed the momentum by building on a new-found intensity in the fourth. The Golden Eagles won the fourth set and did not relinquish control.

Many of the starters did not start well for the Irish, according to Brown, who decided to try some new players out from the bench.

"Kaelin was playing bad, so we went into option B," Brown said. "It was not fair to have our backups sitting when they were playing that poorly."

The loss was devastating for the Irish, who had hoped to win out in order to challenge for the Big East title, according to head coach Debbie Brown. They will now most likely have to rely on having a great performance in the Big East tournament.

"Honestly, we didn't think of them for granted. We know how well they can play coming in from last year," Phillips said. "We know we can't take them lightly. Obviously they are always playing their hardest against us, and we have to keep going and practice to do our best."

The bright spot in the loss is that the Irish may have some motivation to always bring their best play no matter who their opponent is.

"We'll forget about it for now, but we are going to keep it in the back of our mind for next year when we play them," Phillips said. "We are going to get over the hump and keep playing strong."

Brown knows that the team has a long road to go to make the Big East tournament.

"We cannot think about the tournament right now," Brown said. "We need to focus on winning the rest of out matches."

The Irish will continue the Big East schedule next Sunday when they host Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J.

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SMC Cross Country

Belles finish fourth in conference

Junior Megan McClowry leads the way with 13th place finish

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

The Belles standout junior Megan McClowry led Saint Mary's to its second straight fourth place finish at the MIAA Championships on Saturday.

As McClowry has done all season, she led the Belles with a time of 23:55 — good enough for 13th place. "The difference for me this season is due to summer training," McClowry said following a 12th place finish at the Manchester Invitational last month. "I was able to come in with a good base and then my teammates have helped push the pace at work­outs this season."

Sophomore Clare McVey was the next runner across for the Belles finishing in 34th place with a time of 24:34.

The Belles ended the season in fourth place overall in the conference as well as the race. Those standings are a combined effort of the MIAA, Jamboree finishes and the Conference Championships. The Jamboree was held at home on Sept. 26. The Belles finished in fifth place, but were only 12 points behind the third place team.

"After finishing 12 points out of third place last year, the Jamboree, the team has really seen its potential," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "Since the Jamboree we've been able to beat out the third and fourth place teams from conference and that's what we're hoping to do: get competitive and make the small adjustments to come out on top."

Freshman J o a n a e Almond and sophomore Catie Salyer finished within one second of each other in 36th and 37th places with times of 24:44 and 24:45, respectively.

Senior Caitlin Brodmerkel rounded out the scoring run for the Belles finishing in 40th place with a time of 24:48. The Fort Wayne native spent her summer in Uganda and did much of her offseason training on that country's dirt roads outside a rural village.


Bauters has been pleasantly surprised by the Belles' performance this season.

"I think this is their first year, then we're in for great things over the next four years," Bauters said. "They are still adjusting to the longer race and getting used to a different venue — different teams, etc. I am excited for all of them, and just want them to be confident and go get what they've worked so hard for—needed to be intim­dated about leading because they are first years — go get it."

No one from the Saint Mary's team qualified to run in the NCAA regional this weekend.

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SMC SWIMMING

Team picks up first victory

Belles win one, lose one at Chicago meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's picked up their first win on the season this weekend with a split in Chicago.

The Belles defeated Illinois Tech but lost to the host Maroons from the University of Chicago. The teams all met for a double dual meet rather than a tournament style scoring system.

Saint Mary's racked up 174 points against Illinois Tech who finished with 61 points. Chicago edged the Belles 127.5 — 104.5.

This was the third meet of the year for the Belles, who finished fourth out of six at the Dennis Stark relays at Notre Dame and then lost to conference opponent Calvin College in their second.

Senior diver Leah Broeckiny led the way for the Belles, finishing first in both the 1m and 3m diving events, scoring a 190.15 in the 1m and a 184.29 in the 3m.

Freshman swimmer Audrey Dalrymple also picked up first place in the 100-yard breaststroke. She finished the race in a time of 1:10.44. From that point the Belles stayed off of the podium until the final race of the night. The 200-yard freestyle relay team made up of sophomores Laura Hartman and Maggie Williams, senior Kate Orben and freshman Eva Cavadini took first place. Hartman led the foursome and was followed by Orben, Williams and Cavadini.

Saint Mary's will head to Alma College next Saturday for a MAC conference show down with the Scots.

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we got overlooked a little bit, but in the second half we took care of that side."

In just his second season start in net, junior goalkeeper Philip Tuttle earned his first collegiate win and shutout by making four saves. Tuttle replaced senior Andrew Quinn, the regular keeper, in the second half of Wednesday's 2-1 win over Georgetown when Quinn injured his shoulder.

Quinn underwent an MRI over the weekend and results were still pending, but Clark said the team planned to be without him for next Saturday's Big East quarterfinal against the winner of Wednesday's Louisville-West Virginia tournament match.

"(Tuttle) was very composed," Clark said. "It looked as though he'd been there all season. Anything that came his way, he dealt with it in a calm, cool and collected manner."

After Tuttle's ability to succeed in a big game was a result of his positive attitude after losing the pre-season position battle to Quinn, Clark said, "He handled the situation very well," Clark said. "It was a tough decision (between Quinn and Tuttle), but I explained that the program needs more than one quality goalkeeper. Obviously he came through."

Before Quinn's injury, Tuttle had played in just two games, allowing three goals in Notre Dame's Oct. 1 loss to Michigan in his only start. "Goalkeeping is a tough position for a backup because it's not a position where you sub a lot -- only if you're getting beaten by a lot of winning by a lot," Clark said. "It's the toughest spot to be in as a backup, and when the opportunity comes, you have to be ready for it like he was."

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NFL

Indy's Vinatieri hits winner against Pats

Colts' wide receiver Anthony Gonzalez and lineman Charlie Johnson celebrate Gonzalez's first quarter touchdown catch.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Adam Vinatieri still has it.

The 36-year-old kicker showed his old team Sunday night that age hasn't sapped his distance, accuracy or proclivity for making big field goals. He hit a 52-yarder late in the game to give Indianapolis a desperately needed 18-15 victory over New England — and Vinatieri a measure of revenge.

"I got all the respect and admiration for that team," said Vinatieri, who left New England as a free agent after the 2005 season. "I've still got a lot of good friends there. I guess that's why it's that much sweeter when you have an opportunity to play well and help your current team beat your former team. I'm pretty happy about that.

The kick was Vinatieri's longest since a 57-yarder at Chicago on Nov. 10, 2002, and it should have come as no surprise to the Patriots, who used Vinatieri's right foot to win two Super Bowl titles.

But New England (5-3) couldn't simply blame Vinatieri for this loss. Of their four-time consuming scoring drives, three resulted in field goals, and Jabar Gaffney dropped a sure touchdown pass late in the third quarter. Then was tight end David Thomas, who drew a 15-yard dead-ball penalty that pushed New England out of field-goal range with 4:45 to go in the game. It sealed the Patriots fate.

"It was a mistake by me," Thomas said. "Obviously, they called it, and I'll own up to it. I felt like that was definitely a critical mistake for me, and it really cost the team.

The result allowed Vinatieri, the Patriots career scoring leader, to show he's still the NFL's best clutch kicker.

Not that the Colts ever doubted him.

"When he kicked in pregame, he said he thought he'd be good from 55 and he made it pretty high in the net," coach Tony Dungy said.

This year's rivalry game has some of the trimmings from recent years. There was no championship at stake, no hype about unbeat en teams or defending Super Bowl champs.

"We felt we had to win this, but we had lost two games already, were coming off a difficult game, a short week and I thought our guys showed some resolve," Dungy said. "But we have to get on some sort of streak, so I'm not ready to call it defin ing just yet.

The new realities forced Belichick and Dungy into a classic chess match, with both reverting to old game plans.

Two-time league MVP Peyton Manning exposed the Patriots' soft middle early, and Indy's second possession produced the host drive of the season: a 15-play, 91-yard, 9-minute, 2-second march that ended with Manning hooking up with a wide-open Anthony Gonzalez down the sideline for a 12-yard TD pass and a 7-0 lead.

Manning was 21-of-29 for 254 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions, his best performance of the season.

New England countered with its old style: punt-and-dunk attack, which never let Indy a chance to pull away.
Junior forward Michelle Weissenhofer performs one of her flip throw-ins during the 5-0 Irish win on Sunday.

**Power**

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scored two or three goals that were right in the paint, right in the corner. Notre Dame scored three power-play goals in Friday's 3-2 win, getting scores from Ryan Thang, Dan Kissel, and Christian Hansson, and two more in Saturday's 4-2 victory, from Kyle Lawson and Billy Maddox.

"We moved a lot better, with and without the puck," Jackson said. "We weren't getting shots blocked as much, and we did a couple through that ended up being goals right off the shot or deflec­ tions."

Jackson also said while he was happy about the high volume of special teams goals, he was more pleased that they came when the Irish needed them most.

"The timing from the power-play goal is just as important, if not more important, than how many you score on a given night," he said. "Like if you're down two goals late in the game late in the game, or if you're down one goal third period goal to go ahead late in the game."

The Irish went on to win the scoring Friday night at 5-4 of the first period when Lawson powered a shot from the right point past Stewart.

"The Irish improved to 3-0-2 overall and 2-0-1 in the CCHA. Jackson said that he was still too early to start worrying about conference standings."

"It's awful early in the sea­son to go too excited, just like after the Miami game too early to get too donw," he said. The Irish get back on the ice next Friday in a much-anticip­ated rematch of last year's national championship game against Boston College. Jackson said he thought the Irish would be ready to go against the team in a good position going into this weekend, as well as into the season.

"It gives us a little confi­dence, let's put it that way, but you find out a lot more when you're playing top teams from other conferences," he continued.
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DAVID CAVADINI

The search for the culprit of Saturday's football game sprinkler incident continues...

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ND Women's Soccer

Cincinnati shut out in Big East Tournament

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After earning a bye in the first round of the Big East Tournament, the Irish picked up right where they left off in a quarterfinal match against Cincinnati. No. 1 Notre Dame looked like the team that went 18-0-0 in the regular season as it scored four first-half goals en route to a 5-0 win Sunday at Alumni Field.

The Irish had a week off before the conference tournament and appeared to have benefited from the extra rest, scoring less than a minute into the game.

"I think we just had our mind set right. We came in here ready to play and ready to win," Irish senior defender Elise Weber said.

Freshman Taylor Knaack beats out a Cincinnati defender in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over the Bearcats in the Big East Tournament. Knaack scored her third goal of the season in the game.

Men's Basketball

Irish grad Kurz signs NBA deal

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The Irish were not out shot 14-4, but freshman midfielder Brendan King put home the game's only goal in the 61st minute off a rebound of a Steven Perry header. Perry, a sophomore forward, knocked it toward Mountainairs' goalie keeper Zach Johnson on a free kick from junior midfielder Dave Donohue.

"West Virginia came out with a 3-4-3 formation, put a lot of pressure on us and pushed it hard," Clark said.

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