Dome to Dome: ND alums re-elected to Congress

Five graduates — Donnelly, Visclosky, Souder, King, Lungren — hold onto House seats in Nov. 4 election

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Five Notre Dame graduates — two Democrats and three Republicans — were re-elected to the United States House of Representatives Tuesday.

Three of the nine House seats allotted to Indiana belong to Notre Dame graduates. Democrat Joe Donnelly won his second term in the 1st District, which is partly comprised of St. Joseph County and includes the University of Notre Dame. Democrat Peter Visclosky won his 12th term in the 1st District of Indiana. And, Republican Mark Souder won his eighth term in the 3rd District.

Donnelly soundly defeated his opponent, Republican Luke Puckett, with 67 percent of the vote. He graduated from Notre Dame as an undergraduate in 1977 and from Notre Dame Law School in 1981.

Donnelly is widely known for his moderate stance within the Democratic Party. He is a pro-life Democrat, and in an interview with The Observer after he secured re-election, said one of the Party’s biggest tests during the upcoming administration will be to reconcile positions of the liberal and moderate members of Congressional leadership.

He told The Observer, “There are a large number of additional pro-life Democrats” in Congress. “We’re going to pursue a very moderate policy moving the country forward.”

A number of students worked on the Donnelly re-election campaign, as reported in the Oct. 31 article titled "Indiana candidates prepare for election."

Senior Cindy Brenner, one of the students who worked for Donnelly’s campaign, told The Observer in the article that she was drawn to the Congressman because of his moderate approach.

“He is a conservative Democrat, so he has the morals of a lot of the conservative areas [of Indiana],” she said.

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The team recently competed in the Motor City Classic Debate Tournament at Wayne State University, located in Detroit.

“The Motor City Classic Debate Tournament … was very important because it was the Notre Dame Policy Debate Team’s first entrance into the debate community for this 2008-2009 academic year,” Kwan said.

Team members include Kwan, junior Melissa Curvino, junior Michael Lucien, and freshman Sean O’Brien.

The competition was from Oct. 24 until Oct. 27.

The topic of debate this year is “reducing agricultural subsidies,” Curvino said.

The team paired off, with Kwan and Curvino as one duo and Lucien and O’Brien the other.

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Fans fly to Boston for Eagles game

Students hope long trek will result in a win for the Fighting Irish

By HONORA KENNEY
News Writer

This week, as both the football and hockey teams journey to Boston College for what promises to be two exciting encounters with the Eagles, many loyal Irish fans accompany them out east.

Senior Erin Kelly, who is from Lexington, Mass., said she’ll be flying out for the games.

“It’ll be worth it,” she said. “I’m unbelievably excited.”

Golden Tate runs the ball during last weekend’s 36-33 loss to Pittsburgh.
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Class Gift Campaign hosts ‘Karaoke Idol’

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Simon Cowell didn’t stop by to provide commentary, but Saint Mary’s provided its own judges at the Class Gift Campaign host­ed “Karaoke Idol” Thursday.

The evening began with sen­ior Laura Crommiller and her dad singing “I Got You, Babe” by Sonny and Cher. Following that performance, sophomore Annie Molloy performed “Hit Me With Your Best Shot,” by Pat Benatar.

The Residence Hall Association performed “Respect” by Aretha Franklin. The Gruscinski and her father per­formed “All Shook Up” by Elvis. The next group to perform was the “Dancing Queens,” a group comprised of junior Rebecca Cousino and Erin Hartman.

The night was filled with laughter, and many students enjoyed the show. Junior Sarah Hartman attended the event.

“I was a lot of fun,” she said. Karaoke Idol was held to raise awareness to the Class Gift Campaign, a group that takes charge of collecting funds for each class’s senior gift.

We really want to raise awareness to the fact that peo­ple are making a donation to the class gift campaign,” said Heather Frey, the assistant director of the Annual Fund and the advisor for the Class Gift Campaign.

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Seniors celebrate fathers

Annual Saint Mary’s event brings dads to campus for fun events

By MEGAN LONEY
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The Saint Mary’s senior class honors a long-standing tradition this weekend by hosting Senior Dads’ Weekend. About 400 daugh­ters and their dads are expected to participate.

This weekend allows seniors to share their life at Saint Mary’s with their dads, senior class council vice p re s i d e n t Taryn Pabst said.

“I’m really excited for my dad to come visit and hang out with my friends and me. It’ll be fun to show him what we do for entertainment while at school.”

Dana Krilich
senior

The weekend begins Friday with a beer garden and silent auc­tion at Haggar College Center from 5 p.m. to 7. All of the proceeds from the silent auc­tion will go to the class treas­ury.

“We decided that a beer garden would be a great way for the dads and their daughters to mingle amongst themselves,” Pabst said, “but decided to add in the silent auction, not only to raise money for our class, but to make the Beer Garden a little more fun.”

The class has reserved bowling lanes from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday. The bowling seems to be one of the most popular activities with almost 200 father-daughter pairs signed up, Pabst said. After bowling, a tailgate party and game watch at the College Football Hall of Fame is planned.

“I’m really looking forward to the game watch at the College Football Hall of Fame,” Krilich said. “I’ve never been there and it will be more fun to be in a foot­ball atmosphere with other girls and their dads as well.”

The weekend ends Sunday with a closing mass at the Church of Our Lady of Loreto.

Molly Dillorio and Molly Lamping are co-chairs of the Senior Dad’s Weekend com­mittee, a group formed at the beginning of the year to plan this weekend and choose the activities.

The seniors are not the only ones who are excited about this weekend.

“My dad is super excited,” Krilich said. “He’s been wait­ing for this for three years. He loves Saint Mary’s and is going to have a blast hanging out with me and my friends.”

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vote. His opponent, Democrat Michael Montagano, received 40 percent.
Two Republican Notre Dame alumni were re-elected to House seats representing New York and California.

Peter King, representing New York's 2nd District, was re-elected to his 10th term with 64 percent of the vote. He defeated Democrat Graham Long, who received 36 percent of the vote. King earned his law degree from Notre Dame in 1968.

Dr. Langren claimed his second term representing California's 3rd District by defeating Democrat Bill Durston. Lenger received 50 percent of the vote to Durston's 44 percent. Langren is a 1968 graduate of the University.

Representative Mike Ferguson, a Republican and Notre Dame graduate, represents New Jersey's 7th District but did not seek re-election in 2008.

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excited!" Kelly plans to attend both the hockey and football games. "I'm really excited about the Notre Dame vs. Boston College football game. It's a rematch from last year and the way I grew up, hockey was way bigger than football so it's a different culture," she said. She also enjoys watching two different sports match up. "I don't know how well we'll do in our light of recent progress, but if it still is a decent match up because BC isn't that great this year. At the most everyone I know from the Boston area here are going to the hockey game, and also the Notre Dame vs. Boston is really unranked. In spite of the football team's overall loss to Pittsburgh last weekend, freshman Tyler Thierry said he was positive the results would favor Notre Dame at the weekend. "Last week's loss doesn't really affect how I'm looking at the next game. If anything, I think that loss is really going to refocus the team, and we will come back even stronger this week."

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"We were surprised by the strength of our opponent Saturday. We were up against St. Louis, Portland, and a Third Street team with five vehicles and hunting dogs. We had to run north of the mountain."

While the students were unable to obtain a big-game license, they were allowed to hunt birds — specifically the Chukar Partridge. Hummer called his experience "awesome," particularly the first day of hunting. "We spread out 20 yards across the mountain and walked up. We all got birds the first day," Hummer said.

"We saw a t a r t e p o l e o p s e . ""We had to work hard over the fire," he added.

During the two days of camping and hunting, the students also made time to connect with local Notre Dame alumni. They visited Apartment 21, a Reno restaurant owned by Mike Malody, '93. "We met (director of the Reno Alumni Club) Courtney O'Mara and a bunch of other alumni and the alumni gave us a slide show into semi-finals, which I think that loss is really going to refocus the team, and we will come back even stronger this week."

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ELECTION 2008

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Associated Press

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ISRAEL

Israeli peace treaty passed to Obama

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Bush administra­tion is sending what it hopes is an Israeli­ Palestinian peace deal is no longer pos­ sible by the end of this term and is preparing to hand the fragile, unfinished U.S.-backed peace effort to President-elect Barack Obama.

Obama may not want it, at least as designed by the Bush administration, as seen to embrace the role of honest Mideast broker. Many of Obama’s foreign policy advisers were players in the Clinton administration’s extensive Mideast peace efforts and are enthusiastic about President Bush’s hands-off approach.

After months of publicly insisting that an agreement still could be sealed by the year-end deadline set by the two sides and Bush last November in Annapolis, Md., U.S. officials said Thursday for the first time it would have to wait.

“We do not think it is likely it will happen before the end of the year,” White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said in Washington after Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice acknowledged as much at the start of a Mideast trip. Bush has employed Rice as a goad and monitor, but not a central negotia­tor. The administration said that to be viable, any deal should come from the Israelis and Palestinians themselves.

Rice’s eighth visit to the region since the Annapolis peace conference had been intended as a push for urgent progress on the modest gains from a year of U.S.-sponsored talks between Israel and one part of the frustrated Palestinian leadership.

LOCAL NEWS

Fraternity disbanded due to death

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. — Wabash College is dis­banding a fraternity that killed an 18­-year-old freshman died of accidental alcohol poisoning at its house. The college says its withdrawal is a direct result of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and ending its lease. Wabash officials say they are investigating the college’s culture of unaccept­able behavior and irresponsible citizenship.

Delta Tau Delta executive vice president Jim Russell says the Indianapolis-based fraternity had hoped to work together with the school to resolve the matter.

REGIONAL NEWS

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Former FBI agent convicted of murder

**Associated Press**

MIAMI — When law enforcement heat got too close to Boston's notorious Winter Hill Gang, it was FBI agent John Connolly who tipped them off. After all, they were his prized underworld informants, the men who made him an FBI star by secretly supplying information about rival Mafia chieftains.

Mob leaders James "Whitey" Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi paid Connolly handsomely, some $225,000 until his 1992 conviction. They even took vacations together if a turnover or "rat" surfaced in the gang and Connolly found out, that person might not live much longer.

One such murder victim was gambling executive John Callahan, who was shot dead by a hitman in 1982. His body stuffed into the trunk of his Cadillac was not discovered until Miami International Airport.

More than two decades later, a Miami jury on Thursday convicted Connolly of second-degree murder even though he was hundreds of miles away in Boston when the slaying occurred. Prosecutors said jurors clearly understood that Connolly's tip to the mobsters often led to a violent death.

"It's hard to say what he was doing each and every time he gave us information," said prosecutor Michael Von Zamft.

Jurors deliberated about 13 hours over three days before delivering the verdict following a two-month trial. The jury acquitted Connolly of first-degree murder conspiracy but he still faces a maximum of life in prison when sentenced in 45 days.

Connolly, who showed no emotion when the verdict was read, has long denied involvement in Callahan's killing. Connolly was convicted in 2002 of racketeering because of his corrupt relationship with Bulger and Flemmi, including a 1995 tip that enabled Bulger to escape arrest and begin a life on the run that continues to this day.

Bulger is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" fugitives, with a $2 million bounty for his capture.

"Unless we catch Whitey Bulger, this marks the end of what is really a sad chapter for federal law enforcement," said Fred Wyshak, an assistant U.S. attorney from Boston who helped prosecute the Florida case. "It's been a long haul."

The case that unfolded in a Miami courtroom spanned more than two decades of Boston's underworld, a tale that has already spawned several books and was the basis for the 2006 Martin Scorsese film "The Departed." Matt Damon played a crooked Connolly-like law enforcement officer and Jack Nicholson was the Bulger-esque Irish-American mobster.

Connolly attorney Manuel Casabielle said there will be an appeal based in part on Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Stanford Blake's decision to allow jurors to hear evidence of corruption not directly related to the Miami slaying.

"What happened here is that we tried a federal racketeering case in a state court," Casabielle said. "What they tried to do is dirty him up, to bring in as much bad stuff as possible.

Jurors declined comment after leaving court. They were instructed by the judge that Connolly — who was hundreds of miles away in Boston at the time — did not have to trigger himself or even be present at the crime scene to be convicted in Callahan's killing.

Connolly is already serving a 10-year federal prison sentence in the corruption case. He was convicted in 2005 in Miami in the killing of Callahan, the former president of World Jai-Alai.

Connolly and other mob figures testified that Connolly made sure that Flemmi was shielded from prosecution for numerous crimes, even multiple murders, and supplied information about possible turncoats or "rats" in their own ranks that needed elimination.

Prosecutors say at least two other mobsters who were FBI informants died violently because of Connolly's leaks.

"John Connolly swore an oath to the FBI and the United States of America. He gave up that public trust because he decided he would rather be a gangster than an FBI agent," Von Zamft said.

May 31, 2008

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In Brief

Outlook grim after bleak October

Nellie Borek — Retailers suffered through the weakest October in at least 39 years, despite frenzied price cutting as they desperately try to pull in consumers who are too worried about their finances to shop.

Sales tallies from major retailers on Thursday showed big declines of 10 percent or more — suggests that shoppers will continue to skittish through the holiday season, buying presents for children but not much else.

"There was every reason for consumers not to shop," said Walter Loeb, a New York-based retail consultant. "Layoffs are hitting, the stock market is tumbling. Consumers are feeling poorer."

One of the new bright spots was Watt-Mart Stores Inc., whose results show how much frugal consumers are focusing on necessities.

The world's largest retailer also said it will cut prices on items from toys to laptops over this weekend, based because it is all interconnected," said Ed Hyland, global investment specialist at J.P. Morgan's Private Bank. "This is something that we haven't really seen, this level of rapid and significant pullback both in the market and the economy."

"The economy is in a recession," said the light heavyweight champion of the world, who is due to fight in London next month.

"Some people are pushing this market around more than they should be out of fear," he said. "Many everyday investors are sitting on the sidelines."

Specialist Ronald York, Jr., works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, November 5, 2008. The stock market plunged for the second day in a row.

Chicago cashes in on Obama's victory

CHICAGO — Chicago's tourism Web site beckons visitors to "experience the city the Obamas enjoy." The Illinois Bureau of Tourism plans to launch a three-day getaway promotion featuring Barack Obama sites.

"We are going to have an employee produce for every hour on the job — grew at an annual pace of 1.1 percent in the July-to-September quarter, down from a 3.6 percent growth rate in the second quarter."

With productivity growing slowly, labor costs picked up. Unit labor costs — a measure of how much companies pay workers for every unit of output they produce — increased at a 3.6 percent pace in the third quarter, compared with a 0.1 percent rate of decline in the prior period.

Junior Market Recap

Bullish momentum is still building, as evidenced by rising interest rates.

"We have a lot of momentum going for us right now," said David Borek, a portfolio manager at Alliance Bernstein. "The market is up 10 percent this year, which is a big gain."
Gay marriage ban causes protest

Legal experts believe new law will lead to uncertainty and political

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Hundred of opponents took to the streets Thursday over California's ban on gay marriage, amid deepening political turmoil and legal confusion over the prohibition that has survived so far.

Legal experts say it is unclear whether an attempt by gay rights activists to overturn the ban will gather enough signatures to qualify for the ballot, and whether the 18,000 same-sex marriages performed in California last year will be legally recognized.

"To them I say, 'Shame on you because you should know that God bless this country,'" he said.

Some spectators cheered from apartment balconies, one person threw eggs at the marchers. Two people were arrested after a confrontation between the crowd and an occupant of a pickup truck that showed a banner supporting the amendment.

"That's a highly technical legal question in a highly charged political atmosphere," asked Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the University of California, Irvine law school.

"We used all legal means to make our voice heard but we were ignored," said al-Qahtani, a college professor. "That's why we don't fear any government retribution.

Automakers announce billions in losses during the worst economic crisis in decades, decrease in product development

GM also is expected to fall below its $5 billion "safety cushion," Johnson expects Ford's cash balance to fall below its $4 billion "safety cushion" and to end the year, according to Autodata Corp., with no cash remaining.

Atria Salon 2 will be offering the following promotion:

"That's why we don't fear any government retribution."

SAUDI ARABIA

Hunger strike held in hope of reform

The jailed reformists include Matrook al-Faleh, a human rights activist who was detained in May for advocating constitutional reform, and 10 other activists jailed in Jiddah in 2007.

The 13 men posted a statement on the social networking site Facebook to announce the strike and urge other Saudis to participate. Fifty-two people have so far signed up to join the 13 activists. They include lawyers, college students.

All-Qahtani said the participants chose to stay at home because of "terror and threat of violence, because of fear, because of the threat of torture and abuse.

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AFGHANISTAN

U.S. needs tribes as battlefield allies

Associated Press

BAGRAM AIR BASE - Afghan tribes are needed as crucial battlefield allies against the Taliban and other extremists in the same way local militias rose up to oppose insurgents in Iraq, the new military overseer of America's two wars said Thursday.

The tactic has long been endorsed by Gen. David Petraeus - the former top U.S. commander in Iraq whose outreach to Sunni sheiks helped humble al-Qaida-inspired militants from key areas and sharply decreased attacks.

But his latest comments - on his first trip to Afghanistan since taking charge of U.S. Central Command last week - appeared aimed at pressing the Afghan leadership to recognize the need for tribal militia allies at a time when violence in Afghanistan is at its highest levels since 2001.

It reflects Washington's expected shift in military focus from Iraq to Afghanistan and the neighboring tribal areas in Pakistan, which President-elect Barack Obama has described as the main showdown against al-Qaida and Taliban and other militants.

"This is a country in which support of the tribes, of the local communities, for the overall effort is essential," Petraeus told The Associated Press at the massive Bagram Air Base north of Kabul. He added that Afghanistan has not had "a tradition of central government extending into the far reaches of its provinces and its districts."

Petraeus declined to discuss details of efforts - spearheaded publicly by President Hamid Karzai's government - to bring Afghan militiamen into the battle alongside Afghan forces, U.S. soldiers and other NATO-led troops.

Yet Afghanistan poses even more potential complications than the so-called Awakening Council movement in Iraq.

Militiamen, who range across the eastern and southern border lands with Pakistan - where the majority of the extremist attacks occur - and any military alliances with selected groups risk stirring rivalries and internal power struggles in regions outside central government control.

The tribes in the areas are almost exclusively Pashtun, the majority group in Afghanistan. Perceptions of special favors to already powerful Pashtun tribes - including pay and possible weapons supplies - could bring backlash from other ethnic groups with their own militias and warlords that clashed in brutal civil wars in the 1990s.

In Iraq, the equation was different: the Awakening groups came mostly from the minority Sunnis who lost their privileged status with Saddam Hussein's fall. Now, the Shi'ite-led Iraqi government is under pressure from Washington to incorporate militias into the security forces.

The Pentagon does not provide weapons directly to Awakening allies in Iraq. But Petraeus left open the possibility that Karzai could offer arms in exchange for tribal alliances.

"We will certainly support what President Karzai decides to adopt," said Petraeus. "We traditionally have not armed tribes ... But again, we have to see how that evolves here and see what kinds of initiatives and structures might be looked at.

Antonio Giustozzi, an Afghanistan expert at the London School of Economics, said the tribal groups are needed to cover the shortage of regular forces for the entire country: 67,000 Afghan soldiers, about 78,000 police and more than 60,000 U.S. and other foreign troops.

But he questioned whether the tribal chiefs would have the will to fight the Taliban as it strengthens and rebuilds its network in the border regions.

"The assumption is there are many community leaders who are anxious to fight the Taliban, although I suspect that may no longer be the case in most areas," Karzai said recently. "On the other hand, I believe it will boil down to bricking people into joining militias. Military efforts are going to be remain important.

Across the border in Pakistan, the government in Islamabad has already started arming tribal militias for roles as front line forces against al-Qaida and Taliban safe havens.

And - like in Iraq - the payback from extremists can be deadly. Dozens of government-allied tribesmen have been killed in recent attacks in Pakistan.

The message is clear to any Afghan tribal leader weighing offers to join Kabul's fight. A senior foreign diplomat in Kabul, who has long experience in tribal relations, said there is a risk the effort could backfire if tribes are seen as battling on behalf of foreign troops.

The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because he did not want to speak publicly about the AP that he is "absolutely ready" to reach out to tribes as an auxiliary force. He noted, however, that any deals would have to be in "connection with the Afghan government.

In Afghanistan, U.S. and other foreign troops use local militiamen for security at some bases but the efforts so far have concentrated on training the country's fledgling security forces.

In the interview, Petraeus said the war in Afghanistan is closely intertwined with the fight in Pakistan, and they need to be tackled together.

But escalating U.S. missile strikes in the tribal region - at least since late summer - have strained Islamabad's ties with Washington despite some apparent successes against extremists.

Petraeus said recent U.S. missile attacks killed three of the top 20 extremist leaders in Pakistan's border zone. He did not identify the leaders killed, but described the attacks as "hugely important."
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Shortly after 11 p.m. on Nov. 4, you decisively elected a new president.

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This is a different America than it was just three days ago. An era of great change is upon us.

Supporters of both parties understood that need for change — the voter turnout for this election might be the highest in a century. The excitement and anticipation surrounding the end to the Bush administration has electrified America, awakening it from a slumber of political apathy, and transforming it into a nation of action.

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In this time of a momentous cultural shift for America, we must remember that the ties that unite us must be stronger than the lines that divide us in order for this nation to overcome the immense problems we face.

Obama called upon Americans Nov. 4 to "join in the work of the remaking of this nation the only way it’s been done in America for 221 years — block by block, brick by brick, calloused by calloused hand."

Sen. John McCain's gracious concession speech and Obama's humble victory speech both addressed the fact that though we may disagree on politics, that though we may identify with red or blue, we are a people that must come together to enact the change so desperately needed.

"I urge all Americans," McCain said, "I urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together, to find the necessary compromises, to bridge our differences, and help restore our prosperity, defend our security in a dangerous world, and leave our children and grandchildren a stronger, better country than we inherited.

Both men identified themselves as Americans — not as Democrats, not as Republicans, but as Americans, a title they called the citizens of this nation, who were divided over this historic context, to embrace.

The hope for a better America rests on our shoulders. Remember the effort your opinions, your ideas, your action had on this nation this week, remember you can make difference.

No one can deny the seismic difficulties that still lie ahead.

As Obama told the hundreds of thousands with him in Chicago, and the millions watching around the world, we face the challenges of "two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century."

But, for now, congratulations, America, and congratulations Notre Dame.

You made your voices heard and you have become a part of history.
That doesn't mean we're safe. There is a potentially time­deadly cri­sis for which, despite our readiness for an understandable emergency, we have not yet prepared. The crisis of zombies. Yes, zombies. As in the flesh­eating undead, not the mis­spelled drunk streaking kind. We'd all like to think we'll never have to face an uprising. Some of us say we can even be sure zombies exist. Then again, according to others, we couldn't be sure about unicorns, either. So what if? Just stick on the safe side, let's run through our campus zombie outbreak survival plan. We'll call this system the Five Be's. 1. Be Calm. If you've read any reports of local zombie activity before now, then you may already be somewhat prepared to face it yourself. Those of us who always skip to The Observer crossword, however, may be taken aback when everyone's phone goes off in the midst of playing 'snakes and ladders.' Don't lose your head when you read your text message. Don't lose your head when you discover the nature of the emergency. And don't lose your head when your TA wants you to eat your brain. Take a break. After the alarm, you'll probably find out more details about the hungry undead as you grip around the Deflarto lobby with a few equally dis­oriented survivors. Yes, it'll take a few minutes engaging in wild amounts of saturnalia, I suggest an alternative path: liv­ely debate over whether we stalk zombie tourists in order to prevent their proliferation, or whether we should cut off their food supply. Either way, be prepared to fight when you step outside. Arm yourself. You don't have to violate DiLasco: to quote Ludo, "anything can be a weapon if you're holding it right." If you don't have access to an appropriate piece of sporting equip­ment (after all, I've never seen a non­plastic cricket bat in the United States), then put your Calculus textbook or Norton Anthology to good use. Tie the book up in a jacket or pillowcase, and take a few practice swings before going outside. Remember to aim for the head. 2. Be Brave. Find your courage. Breathe deeply. Say a prayer. Kiss that hottie from Econ. Crack a joke, however weak ("Hey, who moved that statue of Toreo Guy from outside O'Shag?"), and make someone else try to smile. You'll both feel better. Or think of that one thing that really, really terrifies you. Like Fairies, Or questioners. Or Toreo Guy. Ask yourself if, in comparison, zombies are really so bad. My roommates would be quick to tell you that she'd rather tolerate zom­bies than spiders, though you can't kill a zombie with your copy of The Red Queen. Maybe if Matt Ridley had cited enough concrete evidence. Anyway, deal with the outbreak just as you'd deal with your Chemistry midterm. Don't be overwhelmed. Just focus on living through it. 3. Be Prepared. Have some breed of copy editor who can live indefinitely off day­old donuts in the South Dining Hall basement, you will have to take steps to defend yourself and Our Lady. 3. Be Ready. You won't know how long the out­break will last. Running out of O'Shag may not be an immediate option. You may have to stick with the only few bags of chips your professor who holds it as an article of faith that his class is at least as vital to your sal­vation, and as obligatory, as Mass. But you will have to leave at some point: the chicken fries in Waddick's just won't hold out forever. Be prepared to fight when you step outside. Arm yourself. You don't have to violate DiLasco: to quote Ludo, "anything can be a weapon if you're holding it right." If you don't have access to an appropriate piece of sporting equip­ment (after all, I've never seen a non­plastic cricket bat in the United States), then put your Calculus textbook or Norton Anthology to good use. Tie the book up in a jacket or pillowcase, and take a few practice swings before going outside. Remember to aim for the head. 4. Be Smart. Or, better put, be "spe­cial." Remember what you're doing at Notre Dame, and do it to the best of your ability. Design and build barri­cades for the stairs (zombies won't knock over a two­step). Or try to use you're water tower to blow a few bubbles. Or try to use them to blow a few bubbles. Or try to use them to blow a few bubbles. Put together attractive living spaces. Take your Russian or Chinese or Arabic and check up on the other side of the world. Practice whatever skill you've been honing for the past however many years. And for those of us without practical skills... well, maybe you can read Paradise Lost aloud to everyone in the elevators after the cable goes out. But for this system to work, everyone must participate with the right attitude. 5. Be Nice. Or, be "human." Be generous and helpful to those in need. If you have five unopened jars of peanut butter sitting around, run one up to those Classics enthusiasts camp­ ing out on the eleventh floor of Hesburgh or those film majors huddled in the DPAC basement, where the vending machines only take exact change. If you live on the second floor or above, let a refugee from the ground floor crash on your futon (unless she appears unable to use the elevator). Have patience with everyone who's stuck with you. In short, keep your Catholic charac­ter, or its functional equivalent, as intact as you can. We can have faith that the universe won't end with you. But in the meantime, keep an eye on Toreo Guy. Katherine Khoran, a junior studying English and Russian abroad, submitted this column before the elec­tion. While zombies are only hypoth­etical, however, in both candidates' zombie survival policies. The crisis presented in this column is those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Upon first listen, Eli Young Band’s “Jet Black and Jealous” mostly fades away into the background. A few phrases and chords will jump out of the watery country-rock sound, but a true appreciation of Eli Young Band takes paying attention. Details are the heart of their music. And with those details, you’ll be hooked and singing along.

“Jet Black and Jealous” is the band’s first studio release, preceded only by their independent release “Level.” In the vein of superstars like Rascal Flats and Carrie Underwood, the album captures the new trend in country music that lends itself to a more pop-oriented sound. Eli Young Band is rock with a cowboy hat. There are the usual references to cars, bonfires and the girls that left them, but these clichés are supported by electric guitars, a little bit grittier sound, and a less straightforward approach to the lyrics.

The album opens with the band’s strongest song, “When It Rains.” Set to a good song, coming from its electric guitar and vocals, the song delivers its melancholy message of, “I don’t mind being lonely; I’ll cry right along with the sky.” Beautifully.

“When It Rains” may be the standout song of the album; it has the most potential to fill the role of body moving radio song. As an appropriate choice for lead track, it will stick in people’s heads and lead them to the rest of “Jet Black and Jealous.”

Any fan of the Wallflowers will feel a sense of déjà vu when “Always the Love Songs” begins playing, as it opens with the introduction to the rock band’s 6th Avenue Heartache. The ballad epitomizes Eli Young Band’s mix of country and rock. It is a story of a bunch of friends getting away from the “city lights” around a bonfire, listening to an eclectic mix of country, rock and folk with “I’ll Be a Man,” “Proud Mary,” and “American Band.”

“Throw and Go” roughens up the band’s sound and speed, making it a good song for tapping on the steering wheel to as you drive down the road. “How Should I Know” plays with restraint, holding back on the song’s energy and building up in the refrain. The lyrics to “Home” keep the listener on their toes. The phrase “I’m where you are” could sound like a generic country appeal in a girl, but the rest of the lyrics reveal that the singer really is appealing to home and all the people and memories there.

Too many of the tracks feel like they sacrifice uniqueness for appeal, resulting in a few songs that hover just above the lowest common denominator. “Famous” is a little unexciting, and sounds familiar, like you’ve heard it somewhere before and can’t put your finger on it. “Guinevere” leaps out musically and there are occasional interesting lyrics, but it needs more of an edge. The rest of the album falls away similarly — good, but not great.

“Jet Black and Jealous” will be just good enough to prove Eli Young Band commercially and lend them to a second album. It is here we might see something really remarkable, when they are less constrained. But “Jet Black and Jealous” certainly deserves a spot on your iPod in its own right.

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By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Writer

Howie Day, singer of the hit “Collide,” will be playing his first tour this Friday at 10 pm. The 27-year-old Maine native has been playing music since he was five, when his mom got him a piano. After that, he discovered guitar and played in bands in high school before going headlining out on his own, independent of a major label, to tour and promote his self-released debut CD, “Australia,” which he released in 2000.

After getting signed by Epic Records in 2002, Day released the album “Stop All the World Now,” which was a slow-burn success in part because of the ubiquitous success of “Collide” in late 2004 and 2005, a song where it appeared with Cleveland-native Nick Zuber opening. Zuber, like Day, has found success largely on his self-promotion.

Day is known for his live shows, which have gone from small bars to arena-sized venues. His set begins playing to a few songs that he’s written while he was still in high school after his tour. He’s known for playing his songs in a few different ways, including an acoustic set with a little bit of electric. He usually plays a few acoustic songs and then goes electric for the rest of the show.

Day is known for his energetic performance, which has earned him a reputation as one of the best live performers in the country. His music is often described as a mix of rock and roll, blues, and folk, and his live shows are known for their high energy.

Day is known for his versatile voice, which he uses to great effect in his live shows. He can go from a soft, intimate ballad to a high-energy rock song, and he’s known for his ability to connect with his audience.

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 Jet Black and Jealous
Eli Young Band
Released by: Universal South
Recommended Tracks: “When it Rains,” “Jet Black and Jealous”
Scene talks with Chris Thompson, drummer for the Eli Young Band

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Earlier this week, Scene got to talk with Chris Thompson, the drummer of the Eli Young Band. Though in transit, Chris shared with Scene his thoughts on the band, their sound, and Halloween costumes.

Where are you? What are you working on?
Actually the band's about to jump out of the van. We're in Chatsworth, Georgia. In about thirty minutes we're playing a pep rally for about fifteen hundred kids at a high school. The local radio station did contest and the prize is something we all kind of had in common-

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What music would you say has influenced you the most personally, as Christ Thompson the Drummer?
My personal favorite drummers of all time is Keith Moon, the drummer for The Who. He's awesome. I didn't know who he was ten years ago, or really even know much of The Who, but we were watching videos of them play, and he was just so manic and crazy on the drums. When the band first started out I probably was the sub-par drummer, which really didn't matter at the time cause we were just kind of goofing off, but I noticed that if I was making mistakes, if I acted a little crazy around the drums, people were just like, 'Aw, he's a crazy drummer!' I saw a lot of that in Keith Moon, except that he could actually play the drums really well. He's kind of a mentor in that regard. But we find all our inspiration through tons of different bands, from our favorite kinds of music to our favorite songs. That really just because the four of us are huge fans of music in general. One of the things I think is special about our sound is that we are always open to what's new and whatever we can find, whether it be on the drums or whether it be technology.

Reading your biography, I was surprised to find that all four of you met in college and have managed to stick together for eight years. What keeps you together?
Well, when we met, music was just something we all kind of had in common. It was not like we met to start a band. We were just friends, we went out and every now and then we'd jam together. You know, just talk about music and stuff like that. Actually, while that was all happening Mike and James got together and started doing acoustic shows at this bar in Denton where we went to college called the RBar. They did that for six months. They did this little acoustic set, a bunch of cover songs, and that's when they started writing togethe-

What song would you say is a great, iconic work of one musical artist, who's would you say?
"Famous," a new song off our album.

What is your favorite song to play in front of a crowd?
It was fun in the beginning, we were just a couple guys hanging out, having fun. But something happened. We really clicked. There were never any musical boundaries for any of us and the four of us come from really different musical backgrounds with our education, our preferences for music, and what we're interested in. It was a great outlet, so all of us just worked. I think that friendship was before we actually started the band. I think that's really kept us togeth

So how would you define your sound?
It's country. Without ever setting out to pick a certain kind of music we found ourselves making country music, or what was considered by our fans and people that would come to the shows country music. We sort of embraced that, and at the same time country music embraced us. It's stories about the everyday person and struggling through life and making it through. We never do have a lot of rock influences. Both James and myself listened to a lot of rock in high school, and then John our bass player studied funk and jazz and he brought some of that to the table. We're not afraid to play around with different sounds and experiment with different ideas. But always at our core we're a country band.

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What was the name of the band before you were the Eli Young Band?
The Doors.

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**NFC**

**Browns fall to Broncos in Quinn’s first start**

Brady Quinn threw for 239 yards and two touchdowns in debut start; late Marshall TD clinches win for Denver

*Associated Press*

CLEVELAND — Jay Cutler turned Brady Quinn’s big night into his own prime-time showdown.

Cutler passed for a career-high 447 yards and three touchdowns in the fourth quarter Thursday night, the last an 11-yarder to Brandon Marshall with 1:10 left, breaking the broken Denver Broncos to a 34-30 win over the Cleveland Browns.

"It was a big, big win for us. To be down 13 and to come back like this, it means a lot," Cutler said. "To be down 13 and have an empty backfield and to come back like this, it means a lot.

Cutler threw a 93-yard TD pass to Brandon Marshall, who waited 25 games to take over Cleveland’s offense, completed a 93-yard pass to Winslow on first down before two incompletions gave him no margin for error. On fourth down, Quinn whipped a high pass to Winslow that sailed through the hands of the Pro Bowl tight end. "I just can’t get that last play out of my head," Winslow said. "The great ones, the ones that make those plays. That’s where I want to be and I’m going to take it as a lesson."

Cleveland’s bench burst into celebration while the Browns sustained another gut-wrenching loss after blowing a 14-point lead in the second half Sunday against Baltimore.

"That loss Derek Anderson his starting job. He was benched for coach Romeo Crennel in favor of fan favorite Quinn, who made plays and was efficient moving the ball by throwing mostly underneath. Quinn completed passes to eight different receivers en route to winning 10 passes for 111 yards.

Winning 13-6 in position to win, but once again Cleveland’s defense couldn’t come up with a stop as Denver racked up 564 total yards.

"We let them throw the ball over our head, couldn’t tackle and let the game get away," Crennel said. "It’s disappointing that our defense can’t do some simple things and does some other things poorly. A 93-yard touchdown pass should never happen — ever."

Royal had six catches for 164 yards and Marshall caught six passes for 93 yards.

Cutler was playing at a huge disadvantage with Denver’s running game going backward because of injuries. It hardly mattered.

With starter Michael Pittman and backup Andre Hall already out with season-ending injuries, rookie Ryan Torain made his first start with third-year pro Selvin Young as his backup.

Orton scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter but bailed his left knee midway through the second when he got benched backward underneath a pile of players. He was replaced by Young, who gained 5 yards on his first carry but left a few plays behind. Young fumbled and the Browns got a loosen and didn’t return.

Those losses forced the Broncos to use fullback Peyton Hillis as their primary ball carrier, and the rookie from Arkansas came through on Denver’s final scoring drive by blasting his way through the line for a crucial 6th-and-1 at the Cleveland 45. From there, Cutler completed a 14-yard pass to Graham before catching the Browns off guard with a quarterback draw for 18 yards. After missing Marshall in the end zone on first down, Cutler had his wideout run the same route against corner Brandon McDonald for the game-winner.

Earlier, McDonald was burned by Royal of the 93-yard TD, the fourth-longest in Denver history.

The Browns played up Quinn’spregame introduction, saving him to be the last player to run from the smoke-filled tunnel. He received a huge ovation from Cleveland fans, who despite having a Pro Bowl QB in Anderson, have spent many Sunday afternoons chanting "Bra-dy, Bra-dy" for most of the past two seasons.

Quinn didn’t disappoint, throwing two TD passes to Winslow in the first half to help the Browns open a 20-10 lead.

With Broncos defensive end Elvis Dumervil in his face, Quinn hung in the pocket as long as he could before firing his first career TD pass, a 5-yarder to Winslow, to tie it 7-7. Winslow’s scoring grab made up for the one he dropped from Quinn last season when the rookie QB made his pro debut in Cleveland’s season finale.

It was a night the 25-year-old Quinn had dreamed of since he was a little kid in Dublin, Ohio. He grew up in the Columbus suburb cheering for the Browns and he still has a picture of himself wearing a No. 19 Bernie Kosar jersey.

In the days leading up to his first start, Quinn sought advice from his college coach, Notre Dame’s Charlie Weis, a former offensive coordinator with New England.

"He gave me some words of wisdom," Quinn said, "as did everyone else — my mom, my dog.

Quinn’s No. 10 jersey doted every corner of Browns Stadium and a white banner sheet with “Save Us Brady” hung from the second deck.

But in the end, there was nothing he or anyone else in orange helmets could do to stop Cutler.

**Associated Press**

Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn hands the ball off to Jamal Lewis during Thursday night’s 34-30 loss to the Denver Broncos.
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IN BRIEF
MLB likely to eliminate coin flips for playoff sites

DANA POINT, Calif. — No more flip decisions. Rather than heads or tails, baseball general managers plan to recommend that sites for division and wild-card tiebreakers be decided by head-to-head record between the tied clubs. The GMs have agreed on who to choose in the playoffs.

Jags' linebacker Peaterson to be benched due to elbow injury

Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Mike Peterson was benched due to an injury. The team announced that Peterson will sit out Sunday's game due to a high-ankle sprain.

San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towers talks about the possibilities of trading star pitcher Jake Peavy, at a meeting of baseball GMs Tuesday in Dana Point, Calif.

Former top draft pick Lead under investigation for drugs

DALLAS, Texas — Police in the Texas Panhandle are investigating a minor drug allegation made against former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf, who was never on police leave from his job as an assistant football coach at West Texas A&M.

Cayson police Chief Bobby Griffin says the investigation is in its preliminary stages, but confirmed the allegation was that Leaf obtained a controlled substance by fraudulent means.

"We are trying to determine whether anything like that happened," Griffin said. "There is not enough information or facts to say we have a crime committed or not."

Leaf did immediately respond to a message left by The Associated Press and Griffin said the police have not interviewed him.

"Some allegations have been made and some rumors are flying around. We've been asked...to look into it," said Griffin.

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MLB

Rays’ Pena wins franchise’s first gold glove

Ichiro picks up eighth straight gold glove; Young, Pedroia, and Mauer join Pena as first time winners

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Pena grabbed attention for all those balls he hit. Now the Tampa Bay first baseman and his teammates are getting noticed for the ones he caught.

Pena raised the Gold Glove, making only two errors with Detroit in 2003. He made eight last year with the Rays. The outfield was a repeat winner for the first time since 2001.

The 30-year-old Pena has shown improvement in the field, cutting down from 13 errors with Detroit in 2003. He made eight last year with the Rays.

Pena said it had been his goal “to actually play like a Gold Glover and eventually get recognized.”

“Carlos works very hard on his defense and he has turned himself into a premier defensive player,” Rays executive vice president for baseball operations Andrew Friedman said.

The Gold Gloves are awarded annually by the Baseball Writers Association of America for the major league’s best defensive player at each position. The award has been given since 1957. Managers and coaches pick players in their own leagues near the end of the regular season, and can’t vote for someone on their team.

Hunter has not made an error since Aug. 31, 2007. The AL outfield record for Gold Gloves is 10, shared by Ken Griffey Jr. and Al Kaline.

Pedroia, the AL Rookie of the Year last season, joined Kevin Youkilis (2007) and Jason Varitek (2005) as the only Red Sox players to win a Gold Glove in the last 17 seasons.

Young led AL shortstops in fielding percentage. This was his fifth season at the spot since switching over from second base.

Mussina won for the first time in 2003. At 39, he was the oldest AL winner this year; pitcher Greg Maddux won an NL Gold Glove this week at 42.

The Gold Gloves often raise the ire of many baseball fans. Critics claim the best fielders are overlooked in favor of more popular players, and further insist that better hitters get a break in the voting.

Hunter and Sizemore earned $100,000 bonuses in their contracts for winning Gold Gloves. Beltre and Suzuki got $50,000 each and Pena, Mauer and Young won $25,000 apiece. Mussina and Pedroia did not have Gold Glove clauses.

The NL Gold Gloves were announced Wednesday. Along with Maddux, winners were catcher Yadier Molina, first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, second baseman Brandon Phillips, shortstop Jimmy Rollins, third baseman David Wright and outfielders Nate McLouth, Carlos Beltran and Shane Victorino.

Tampa Bay Rays first baseman Carlos Pena hits a grounder against the Phillies in game two of the World Series on Oct. 23.
Fenway undergoes final stage of renovations

Upgrades to seating will keep one of baseball’s most historic ballparks open for at least another 30-50 years

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox are wrapping up almost a decade of renovations to Fenway Park that should keep their venerable ballpark open for another 30-50 years.

"We are committed to Fenway Park — short-term, middle-term, long-term," team president Larry Lucchino said Thursday as the Red Sox unveiled their winter renovation plans. "We're going to be here. No thought has been, or is being given to a new ballpark.

Past years' renovations have included the Monster Seats above Fenway's famous left-field wall, new and improved luxury suites and expanded concourses that have given Red Sox fans room to roam. This year's more modest goals are to waterproof the concrete under the lower deck sections, replace and repair the seats from first to third and add upper deck seats down the first-base line.

While the legal capacity — including those who work at the ballpark — will remain 39,928, the net result of the changes will be the addition of about 350 more seats and a sellout crowd of about 37,750 for night games. "There's no reason they couldn't play here for generations to come," project leader Janet Marie Smith said. "There's no reason it should become physically obsolete. It survived the domes and it survived the multi-purpose arenas. It's back again.

Next year's plans include waterproofing the rest of the lower deck, a section that was added onto the structure in 1934. Other, smaller projects that come up will be tackled when they arise.

"We are in the eighth inning of a nine-inning game," Lucchino said. "I'm certainly glad that we are in the closing innings of this gigantic undertaking."

The major's oldest and smallest ballpark, Fenway opened in 1912 and is being shored up to last through its 100th anniversary, when the Red Sox are hoping to host the All-Star game, Lucchino said. But it's not clear how long the Red Sox can stay in a ballpark lacking some of the revenue sources built into new facilities, like the $1.3 billion Yankee Stadium scheduled to open next spring.

"(We) spend a lot of time discussing what's happening with other ballparks," Lucchino said. "We'll be watching with interest how that new ballpark affects their revenue and their financial wherewithal."

The Red Sox will also be watching to see whether the new ballparks can be supported if the economy continues to sour. "We have not had the kind of economic downturn the nation is confronting right now," Lucchino said. "I think we'll all learn a lot."

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OSU's Small to sit out one game

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said Thursday that receiver and punt returner Roy Small was suspended for one game "to start with" and that he had handled the situation correctly, despite complaints from Small's father.

Tressel confirmed that Small will not play when No. 12 Ohio State plays at Northwestern on Saturday.

Team spokes­woman Shelly Poe said the suspension was due to a "repeated violation of team rules."

But Small's father, Ken Small, said he is mystified why his son is being suspen­sed.

"They're intentionally trying to blow his career," Ken Small told The Associated Press by telephone from his home in suburban Columbus.

It has been a secret that Ray Small has continually been in and out of Tressel's doghouse for the past two seasons. His father said that the latest suspension stemmed from missing or being late for some classes and meetings. He also said part of his problems was parking tickets.

Ken Small cited several other recent legal transgressions by Ohio State players and compared them to the minor problems his son has had. This year a year ago he was arrested for propositioning a female police officer posing as a prostitute. At least two players have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Ken Small said it was clear his son is being treated unfairly by Tressel.

"He had a couple of inci­dents, but he never got caught smoking mari­juana before the national champi­onship game. Or he never got a DUI or picked up a profes­sion­al. He was just late," Ken Small said. "And the punish­ment is you can't even go into the (practice) facility? They act like he's dangerous. These other kids ... didn't get hanned from the facility. All they got was being sat down for the first few plays of a game."

Tressel hinted that Small, a 5-foot-11, 180-pounder from Cleve­land, was being pun­ished for ongoing problems.

"If a guy makes repetitive mistakes in football, he's probably going to lose oppor­tunities to play," Tressel said. "The same would be with any­thing off the field, if a guy's repetitive, it's going to impact this playing time."

Tressel, speaking at the Woody Hayes Athlete­tic Center, grew increasingly upset as reporters asked him questions about Small's suspension.

Tressel meets with reporters every Thursday for 15 or 20 minutes after he finishes his radio show.

He abruptly ended the interview after 5 minutes on Thursday.

"OK, guys. Thanks, I appreciate it. I thought we were going to talk about Northwestern. Thanks," he said.

As he walked down a corridor lined with trophies from the team's past, he shook his head in disgust.

Before that, reporters asked him if the sus­pension was just for one game. Tressel's brief reply: "To start with." He also said that the length of the suspension would be deter­mined by what Small does "from this point on."

He also said that Small and his family had never dis­cussed transferring out of the football program — which Ken Small said was not true.

"No, that's false. That's an outright lie," he said. He said he and several family mem­bers, along with Ohio State defensive lineman Rob Rlose, all met with Tressel last spring and they discussed Small transferring. But Ken Small said he talked his son out of it.

Ray Small got off to a great start this season, but his play­ing time has been drastically curtailed. He had 11 catch­es in the first three games to lead the team, then was benched for the third game and didn't catch a pass in the game after that. After making two recep­tions against Wisconsin, he didn't catch a pass during the next two games.

In Ohio State's most recent game, a 13-6 home loss to No. 3 Penn State on Oct. 25, he had two catches for 37 yards.

He currently is second on the team in receptions with 18 for an average of 13.2 yards, tops in the Big Ten and 14th in the nation.

This spring, due to unspec­i­fied team infractions, Tressel took away Small's preferred uniform No. 4 and gave him the No. 82.

Tressel said he was sure that he had both criti­cals and sup­porters when it came to discipli­nary moves.

"I'm sure there's both ends of the spectrum out there in opinions, like there are about what we're doing with foot­ball," said Tressel, who has also caught heat because of his team's erratic play this season. "There's one end that feels this way and one end that feels that way. Most things lie somewhere in the middle. But I don't feel bad about how we've tried to help any of our guys."

Ken Small told Tressel has in for his son and has no inten­tion to play him in games.

"Yes, that's what it sounds like to me," he said. "He's saying, 'We're not going to kick him off the team, but he won't play.'"
Swimming
Squads to take on Purdue

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After a week off since its previous meet against Pittsburgh, both the men's and women's squads are gearing up to face off against in-state rival Purdue. "We're very excited to swim against Purdue," Men's coach Tim Welsh said. "They're a wonderful program, a great in-state rival with two South Bend boys on their team. We're glad to have them."

Welsh's Men's team came off a thrilling victory against the Irish 111eet Cardinals team, ranked No. 16 nationally, in their first ranked team meet to travel to the Boilermakers' Center this season.

One of the intriguing matchups in the meet comes on the diving board, as both teams bring in tremendously talented divers. Purdue's Russell and Indiana native David Boudia, competed in the Olympics this summer in Beijing, and Purdue's second senior Michael Bullfin was an All-American at the 2004 NCAA Championships. Welsh thinks it may be Notre Dame's most exciting diving competition of the year.

"We swam well at Pitt and raced tough, and it gave us the confidence that we can be tough when we need to," Welsh said. "We're very enthusiastic and optimistic headed into the meet."

Men's Soccer
Irish meet Cardinals in quarterfinals

By MATT GAMBER
America's Sports Editor

For No. 11 Notre Dame to avoid bowing out in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, the Irish (11-5-2, 7-2-2 Big East) will have to average one of their two conference losses with a home win against Louisville tomorrow night.

The Cardinals (11-6-2, 5-5-2 Big East) edged the Irish 2-1 in overtime on Sept. 28 and beat West Virginia 2-0 Wednesday to earn the right to face Notre Dame on Saturday at 6 p.m.

"They're a well-organized team, a good team with some very good players," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "There's no way our guys will look past them, that's for sure. We were maybe a little bit unlucky in the way things fell for us last week in Louisville, but it's a game we'll be ready for."

Senior forward Bright Dike notched the lone Irish goal in the loss to the Cardinals, who scored unanswered goals — in the 90th and 95th minutes, respectively.

Notre Dame will be without senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn, who injured his shoulder during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Georgetown on Oct. 29, and is likely out for the season. Junior Philip Tuttle will make his second straight start in his place after recording his first career shutout in Notre Dame's last game, a 1-0 victory at West Virginia on Nov. 1.

"It's business as usual," Clark said. "It's a good goalkeeper — we're very sorry for Andrew, but at the same time, I think we're in pretty good shape."

But the Irish will be challenged, both by the Cardinals tomorrow and, should they advance, by match-ups with ranked teams like No. 3 St. Louis, 16 South Florida and No. 17 Connecticut.

"The top eight teams are in the quarterfinals, so it pretty well tells you that anyone could win it," Clark said. "That's the interesting thing about our league — it's a very difficult league, so you couldn't begin to forecast it."

After winning the Big East Blue division's regular season crown, the Irish are looking to position themselves for NCAA play by advancing in the conference tournament.

"This is huge as far as getting seeded," Clark said. "Our record will ensure we make the NCAA's, but the key is now if we could win the Big East tournament, we'd be in a terrific situation to be a top-four seed in the country."

The top four national seeds would be guaranteed home games until the semifinals, an advantage the Irish would gladly take.

"That would be a terrific situation for our team," Clark said. "That's the main importance."

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SMC Swimming
Belles face Alma in MIAA competition

Saint Mary's looks to grab first conference win

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to win its first MIAA conference meet Saturday as they take on Alma in Alma. The Belles come into the competition after splitting their last two meets, defeating the Illinois Institute of Technology, but losing to the Big University of Chicago.

The Belles are led by sophomore Maggie Williams, who so far this season has recorded four first-place finishes, which include victories in the 100 and 200 yard backstroke, the 200 yard freestyle relay, and the 200 yard medley relay.

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NCAA Football
Utah downs TCU, remains unbeaten

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Brian Johnson threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Freddie Brown with 47 seconds left to cap an 80-yard drive that kept No. 10 Utah's BCS hopes alive with a 13-10 victory over No. 11 TCU on Thursday night.

The Utes, who improved to 10-0 for the second time in school history, were swarmed at midfield by the fans who made Rice-Eccles Stadium shake when Johnson rallied Utah to its first touchdown and saved the Utes' postseason hopes.

Johnson threw for 230 yards for the Utes (10-0, 6-0 Mountain West), who recovered on defense after allowing TCU to gain 202 yards in the first quarter.

The Horned Frogs (2-6, 1-6) missed two field goal attempts in the fourth quarter either of which would have put TCU up by two.

Boss Evans bounced one kick off the left upright, then with 2:40 left he was wide right on a 35-yard attempt. Utah got the ball back on the 20 and Johnson led the Utes' comeback.

TCU nearly had the drive stopped, but on fourth-and-2 Johnson completed an 11-yard pass to Bright from the 15. Two plays later, Johnson found Brown on a slant for the winning score.

Robert Johnson sealed it with an interception in the final seconds and Utah won despite getting outgained 416-259.

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This Week in Irish Sports

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back Marcus Young, Siegfried also fields a suffocating defense, which allowed an astounding lowly 143 yards of total offense by the Otters. "We expect Alumni to come out and play an exciting game against our opponent," Young said. "It will look to control the clock, wear down the Otters' defense while keeping their vaunted offense off the field.

"I think we definitely have what it takes," he said. "I think we definitely have the talent to make it there."

Morrissey vs. Sorin
"On the gridiron after a 21-6 rout of Knoll last week that guaranteed the NCAA title, 5-1 in conference play, Morrissey will try to continue their successful season without Sorin defense that has been merciless all season. "We had 25 points against Joe McFarley, who led Morrissey to an interhall championship two years ago, is confident his team will get the job done this week. "We have a lot of players who have been in this situation before," McFarley said. "I know what we have to do to win in the postseason."

McFarley will try to ignore the offense with help from wide receiver Kyle Anderson, who possesses a head-turning 4.27-second 40-yard dash.

But one thing the Irish did do right against Briar Cliff was turn over their opponents. The Irish shotted 18-21-for-23 from the charity stripe.

Ryan Ayers led the way with 21 points and five rebounds. Tori Jackson had 18 points, seven rebounds and five steals. McAlarney added 11, while Haraganyo netted 16 and grabbed 11 rebounds. Luke Zeller had 12 points and eight rebounds.

It's 2 a.m.
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"Home-field advantage doesn’t help you if you don’t have a lot of fans there," Waldrum said. "Hopefully, the weather cooperates, and we’re expecting a great crowd even though it’s an earlier game."

The contest will be televised live on CBS College Sports and tickets are free for students.

Marquette is the only team that has led against the Irish this year and Waldrum said he expects this game to be as competitive as Notre Dame’s 3-1 win over the Golden Eagles on Oct. 5.

“They’re always a very difficult team to play,” Waldrum said. "Their head coach, Marquette, always does a good job putting a competitive team on the field.”

Roeders has led Marquette to six NCAA Tournament appearances but has just a 1-4 career record against Notre Dame.

Still, Waldrum said this season’s Golden Eagles squad is dangerous because of its good balance, especially on the back line.

“They’re very athletic and competitive and fast,” he said. "And the thing I’d say is they have really good goalkeeping and a good, strong defense.”

Waldrum said that even against Marquette’s solid defense, he hopes the Irish can produce enough offense that he can rest senior forward Kerri Hanks. Hanks, Notre Dame’s top scorer, injured her knee in a 5-0 win over Cincinnati last Sunday.

“I’d say it’s a game-day decision with (Hanks),” he said.

“She had a good week of practice and she’s doing a lot better but I think I’m inclined to be a little conservative with her. We’re gonna try to rest her if we can but if we have to use her, we will.”

If Notre Dame gets past Marquette, they might have a chance at revenge against West Virginia, who took down the Irish in penalty kicks in last year’s Big East final. The Mountaineers will play Connecticut in the other semifinal at Alumni Field today at 2:30 p.m. But Waldrum said his team cannot afford to overlook the Golden Eagles.

“We’ve gotta be focused with a team like Marquette coming in,” he said. “We can’t even afford to guess about the other game. We just need to go out and beat Marquette then worry about the rest of the weekend when we get there.”

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hockey history. Notre Dame surprised the No. 1 ranked Eagles with a 7-1 blowout victory in 2006. The win put Notre Dame on the national map and the Irish went on to hold the No. 1 ranking for nine weeks that season.

“We were highly motivated to prove that we were a program on the rise,” Jackson said.

“I don’t think that BC respected us that year, it’ll be quite a bit different going into Friday night.”

Boston College is undefeated on their home ice so far this year with a perfect 4-0 record, the team is 5-1 overall.

Like many Jerry York coached teams, the Eagles are getting it done with offense so far this season. The very quick offense is averaging four goals a game to a tough Hockey East conference.

Senior captain Brock Bradford their attack, with six goals through six games. He had two including an overtime game-winner against Merrimack last Friday.

Bradford along with rest of the BC offense will test Irish goalie Jordan Pearce early and often.

“Pearce” is generally good in games where he sees a lot of shots. I expect him to be motivated, he’s played pretty for us so far this year but he’s only as good as the team in front of him.”

Notre Dame (4-3) broke out of a mini-slump to start the season with a pair of wins over Northern Michigan on the road last weekend. Pearce picked up his fifth career shutout on Friday night.

The Irish have started off with a very strong schedule with all three of their losses coming to top ten so far this season.

“This is another one of those statement games for us,” Jackson said. “Unfortunately our two big statement games have been on the road, but this is a good test for us.”

Notre Dame also started the season by playing No. 6 Denver in Colorado.

One bright spot for the team thus far has been the quick start for freshman Billy Maday. Maday has scored three goals including one on the first shot of his career against Denver. He also has matched three assists already.

Maday played junior hockey with Irish sophomore Calle Ridderwall. The two have reunited along with linemate Kevin Leahy and quickly established a good chemistry.

"He’s started off as we expected him to do. It’s been good to see him reconnect with Calle,” Jackson said.

Notre Dame is also slated to play Providence Saturday night to round out the east coast trip. The Friars (2-4) are not quite as intimidating as Boston College, but should be another good test for the Irish.

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The Dispute

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**Hosts of the party**

Golden Eagles come into town with hopes of upsetting No. 1 Irish

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

No. 1 Notre Dame will host a Big East semifinal match against No. 25 Marquette tonight at 5 p.m. The conference final will also be held at Alumni Field, on Sunday against the winner of Friday's West Virginia-Connecticut winner.

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**INTERHAL FOOTBALL**

Squads gear up for playoffs as chase for the Stadium begins

By ALEX WEST, TIM LANG, SAM WERNER and CHRIS MASSOUD

Sports Writers

St. Edward's vs. Keenan
Second-seeded St. Edward's hopes to avoid an upset Sunday against seventh-seeded Keenan, whose play has steadily improved throughout the season. After tying with Stanford 6-6 last week, Keenan is excited to be in the seven seed in the playoffs.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Team looks to bounce back

A victory at Rutgers could erase tough loss

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

One week after a disappointing five-set loss to Marquette, the Notre Dame women's volleyball team will host a Big East tournament match against St. Edward's. The Saints are coming off a 3-2 win over Wright State, while the Irish are off to a 2-0 start in conference play. Notre Dame hopes to build on its momentum against St. Edward's and continue its strong season so far.

**HOCKEY**

Icers travel to BC for rematch

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Rivalry weekend in Boston starts tonight when No. 12 Notre Dame hits the ice to take on No. 2 Boston College in a rematch of last year's national championship game. The Eagles got the best of Notre Dame when they met in Denver last April, but Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the team has moved on from the loss.

"I mentioned it to the team today. It's silly not about that, that's in the past and we have to focus on the present," he said.

The last time the two teams met in Boston was also a memorable game in Irish hockey. Alumni should be able to con­template the top-seeded Icers as they head into their second test of the season.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Brey picks up fourth commit in class of '09

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

As this year's Notre Dame basketball team continues its quest for a national title, coach Mike Brey and his staff have been on the hunt for top talent to help lead the team to success in the future. With early commitments from top recruits, the Irish have built a strong foundation for the upcoming season.

The upset-minded Knights think they can win Sunday with strong play on the offensive and defensive lines. They will also be looking to use their balanced defense to shut down the big plays of the Gentlemen. Hogue said he was expecting "tough defense" from Keenan Sunday.

The game will be played at 2:00 on Riehle Field.
FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR
MAURICE CRUM JR.
HAS BEEN THROUGH
A LOT IN HIS TENURE
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AGED TO
PERFECTION
Don't blame the coaches for losses

Every time Notre Dame loses a football game, Irish fans love to engage in another kind of blame game that lasts until the following Saturday — the blame game.

And there's nobody fans like to blame more than Charlie Weis. A suggestion that the Irish offense couldn't be any worse.

Weis isn't out there trying to tackle somebody. Weis all week says that's pretty much standard procedure for any sports team at any level. The players have to be better and they have to be competitive enough.

And that's pretty much a standard procedure for the players to do what the ball is out of their system and get them moving forward.' At least in Notre Dame's case, it's not entirely correct.

Last time I checked, Charlie Weis isn't out there blocking on the offensive line. He isn't throwing or carrying the ball and he isn't out there trying to tackle somebody.

The responsibility for Notre Dame's loss to Pittsburgh does not rest solely with Weis. The players share the blame.

Our game was up 17-3 going into the second half and Irish wide receiver Golden Tate suggested that the offense became complacent in the second half. Sure enough, the Panthers clawed their way back into the game.

Who taught the Irish that a 14-point lead was safe? I doubt Weis did. The players should know better than to take their foot off the gas pedal until late in the fourth quarter when Notre Dame has a comfortable lead. Weis shouldn't have to remind them.

This week, Weis decided to shake things up a little bit so his players got that message. On Monday, the team had 6 a.m. workouts, and I'm sure they received some words of encouragement from Weis. "The first thing they're going to do is go in and lift and run. Usually that's the area where the camaraderie comes out the best, when they're all pumping iron and running," Weis said Sunday. "It kind of gets things out of their system and gets them moving forward."

And did that session go? "It might not have been very pleasant," Weis said Tuesday. "I think that [Monday] morning probably didn't start off too well for the fellas, OK? But by [Monday] afternoon I think things were on track. It wasn't a good start of the day."

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Yes, the players have to be well-coached to know what to do when the ball is snapped, but that motivation for the defense to tackle the guy in front of them, for the offensive line to out-muscle their man, for the wide receivers to beat their coverage, the running backs to find their holes, and Clausen to hit the open man, that motivation has to come from within. And it needs to start this week.

If that doesn't happen, it won't be long before the players are playing the blame game with each other.

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Heart of Gold

Maurice Crum Jr. has given all he can over the past five years, on and off the field.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

It takes a pretty good excuse for the Irish coach Charlie Weis to allow a player to miss practice. This summer, fifth-year senior Maurice Crum Jr. came up with one that was good enough to miss a whole week of workouts.

Crum spent a week in Accra, Ghana bringing much-needed computers and books to a local orphanage.

Crum along with several others from Students Bridging the Information Gap (SBIG) arrived in Africa on June 10 to spend a week at the orphanage and deliver 15 new computers and over 2,000 donated books to the children there. The group also raised enough money to construct a brand new, air-conditioned computer lab to house the new machines.

"The trip was really special," Crum said. "Having a chance to see someone else's lifestyle and being welcomed into their culture really put my life in perspective."

SBIG was founded by Crum's former teammate Abdel Banda who started the organization after suffering a career-ending injury in his sophomore year. Banda included Crum in the project from the start.

"I got a pretty big heart as far as giving back, so naturally when he first started talking about it, one of the first people that he was talking to about it was me," Crum said.

Working in the library, Crum helped set up the new library and taught some of the 300 children living at the orphanage how to use the computers. They also had some time for fun.

"I got to play a soccer game with the kids. They were younger kids, but they killed us," he said. "Next time I go back, I think I'll bring a football."

The program intends to visit and donate to a different orphanage in Africa each year. Crum said he plans to attend and do as much as he can to help out.

Playing soccer with the kids inspired Crum to want to start his own charity called Cleats for Kids to distribute cleats throughout the continent. He is currently in a graduate class that teaches the ins and outs of getting help from the United Nations. Crum said that he plans on doing work to set it up once the football season slows down.

In the meantime, Crum has a few things to keep him busy on the field.

This Saturday against Boston College, Crum has a chance to crack the Irish record books. He is currently five tackles away from joining the top 10 tacklers in Notre Dame history. Crum is third on the team this season with 49 tackles through eight games, bringing his career total to 290.

That is stuff you dream about. I've been in the right place a bunch of times to make a bunch of tackles, Crum said.

He is also only 10 tackles away from passing former safety Tom Zbikowski for eighth place all-time. Bob Crable, who played in the late 1970s, has a safe hold on the No. 1 spot with 521 career tackles.

"Leaving my mark on this place is something special and something at which I'll be proud in the books for something," he said.

Ironman

Crum already holds an impressive spot in the books with the longest games played and games started streaks in the program's rich history. Crum was red-shirted his freshman season, since then he has played in every single game for the past four years.

"I feel like my greatest attribute is my toughness," Crum said. "If I can help the team and be effective, I'm going to play."

Crum has also started 44 of those 45 including 43 in a row to start his career. Crum's one miss was two weeks ago against the Huskies in Washington. Crum sat out the first play because of the formation Washington opened the game with.

And he has never missed a game due to injury.

"It has a lot to do with will and something to get beat up, but for me the greatest cure for pain is for the next play to occur," he said. "As long as you are out on that field and the adrenaline is pumping, nothing else really matters."

Crum needed all the adrenaline he could muster during his sophomore season when he played the majority of the season with a back injury. Crum said that he frequently had back spasms throughout the season, but didn't want to get the necessary surgery until the season had ended.

"I had a need to say, it hurt, but my will power and my desire to help the team kept me on the field," he said.

The back hasn't been a problem since his return, but there are plenty of other bumps and bruises that a middle linebacker picks up during games.

"Bruised legs, turf toe, you know, just the regular kind of football stuff," Crum said. "But a big part of his will to play through injuries comes because he wants to set a good example for whoever may be watching."

"I don't know who's watching me or who wants to be like me and I don't want them to get the wrong idea. There's a difference between being hurt and being injured." "

Leading the way

Crum is very conscious of his role as a leader of the Irish team. He is one of only 17 players to be named team captain twice. He was the only captain who was not a fifth-year senior and this year he was a shoe-in for the spot along with offensive captain David Grimes and special teams captain David Bruton.

"Being a leader of a team means that you have to be whatever your teams needs you to be," Crum said.

Crum said that in a season full of many highs and lows, his job has changed on a weekly, or even daily basis. As middle linebacker and the oldest player in a young defense, Crum has had to be a rock for his team on and off the field this season.

Crum attributes most of his leadership skills to his father, Maurice Crum, Sr. who was a linebacker at the University of Miami.

"My dad has always been a very important factor in my life. Him being around and knowing the game, it helps," Crum said.

Crum said that he was forced into being a veteran player pretty quickly with such a young team. He did get the chance to watch players like Brandon Hoyte and Corey Mays, which helped him learn how to work well together.

"They all had a role, one was the hammer one provided the energy. I had a different group of guys to study and take their skills and apply them to my own play," he said.

Crum couldn't define a specific role for himself because he has had to wear about every hat there is in the past for four years for his team.

All of his hard work has certainly paid off. The entire nation is starting to recognize Crum's work on and off the field.

Crum graduated from Notre Dame last May with degree in Sociology and enrolled in graduate school after the University approved him for a fifth year.

Crum attributes the praise of that award to his family. "The way that raised me and teaching me values, teaching me to be that well-rounded guy. The award is just a result of my upbringing."

The winner of the award is based on nation wide fan voting and will be decided on Nov. 10. Between a degree from Notre Dame, a place in the Irish record books and annual trips to African orphanages, Crum certainly has the résumé to win.

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Irish fifth-year senior middle linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. makes a hit during Notre Dame's 29-24 loss to North Carolina on Oct. 11.
# Notre Dame Fighting Irish

## Notre Dame 2008 Schedule

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## Head Coach

**Charlie Weis**
- Fourth season at Notre Dame
- Career record: 27-18 against Boston College
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## Comments

**Chris Crane**

- Notre Dame has won five straight against Pitt.
- The Eagles' defense has yet to see how they respond.
- Clausen continues to be a major threat to opposing defenses.
- The three-headed backfield has established a little more consistency as each back settles into his own role.
- Floyd and Tate are good for a few highlight reel plays every occasion. On the road, the Irish will try to set the pace by throwing the home-run pass early and if Clausen can find time to throw he should have some success.

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## Expert Analysis

**Bill Brink**

- Notre Dame doesn't have the confidence right now to beat a good opponent on the road.
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- The Irish were already fighting an uphill battle.
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Boston College Eagles

Boston College 2008 Schedule

Aug. 30 at KENTST.—W
Sept. 6 GA.TECH.—L
Sept. 20 UC.F.—W
Sept. 27 URI.—W
Oct. 4 at NCST.—W
Oct. 18 VA.TECH.—W
Oct. 25 at UNC.—L
Nov. 1 CLEMSON.—L
Nov. 8 NOTRE DAME
Nov. 15 at FLORIDA ST.
Nov. 22 at WF
Nov. 29 MARYLAND

EAGLES RUSHING

Notre Dame has shown that they are vulnerable to big game tricks. McCoy rushed for 181 last week, but that was on 46-plus carries. To run the ball effectively against the Irish defense, the Eagles need to have big plays and allowing very few of them.

Raeshon McNeil and David Bruton both last week. The secondary continues to be the strong point of the Irish defense by making big plays and allowing very few of them.

EAGLES PASSING

Prior to the fourth OT, Walker hit seven straight field goals in three games. Whatever was holding him back is gone. The coverage teams continue to be among the nation's best, but the Irish haven't seen the return game.

SPEEDY JEFF SMITH leads the Eagles with almost 200 yards so far this season. Former walk-on placekicker Steve Aponte is 7-for-12 in field goal attempts.

The whole world knows Notre Dame needs to validate their season with a big game, as the last scheduled game with rival Boston College isn't enough motivation. Irish fans will travel well to Boston, but don't expect too many to be in the stadium.

With a win on Saturday the Eagles will move the all-time series to 9-9 between the two teams. The Eagles are coming off two tough losses of their own and need to prove themselves on their home turf.

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NOTRE DAME ROSTER

Jeff Jagodzinski
Second season at Boston College
Career record: 17-6
against Notre Dame: 1-0

Irish experts
### Crunching the numbers

#### 2008 Season Averages Per Game

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What's your favorite place in South Bend?

Moe’s Southwest Grill. Everybody likes Chipotle up here, but Moe’s is where we went in high school. There were a ton of them, we went there a lot.

What's your favorite dish in the dining hall?

I used to like the broccoli a lot but I haven’t been a fan of it lately. I like it when they have lasagna, and pretty much any type of cereal.

What's your favorite meal back home?

I like my mom’s chicken enchiladas a lot. And any time she makes sweet potatoes.

What's your toughest class?

Accounting I. It’s by far my toughest class.

What's your favorite class you've taken so far?

Anthropology. It’s cool to learn about all the different cultures.

What's your favorite play you've made or seen?

My favorite play I’ve seen wasn’t when I was here, I was a senior in high school. It was against UCLA, we scored right at the end. Samardzija caught a touchdown. The game wasn’t over yet, and Pat Kunz ran out on the field and just jumped on the pile. When you run off the sideline when you’re not in the game and the game’s not over yet, that’s a pretty bold move.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

When you’re walking around campus towards either a bike or someone walking. And you step to one side, and then they step to that side. And you just keep going back and forth. That really gets on my nerves throughout the day.
Mobile quarterback and fullback will challenge Irish

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

When Notre Dame played Boston College last season, the Eagles were No. 4 team in the country. They would move to No. 2 the following week behind Heisman Trophy candidate Matt Ryan at quarterback.

On the other sideline, the Irish were a winless and replaced then-true freshman Jimmy Clausen with Evan Sharpley during the game. But the important part about this Saturday's rematch is that neither team is the same as last year's teams.

For Notre Dame, all the young players who suffered through tough losses last season have gained experience, but Boston College has lost a good deal of senior leadership, having graduated 19 fifth-year seniors.

The most obvious change is at quarterback. Matt Ryan was drafted third overall by the Atlanta Falcons after throwing for 3,953 yards, 26 touchdowns and 16 interceptions last season.

His replacement this season is senior Chris Crane, who was Ryan's backup on the Eagles two-deep.

So far this season, Crane has struggled at times, throwing only 178.4 yards per game with eight touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Notre Dame defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said Crane is an important part of the system Boston College runs.

"They have a quarterback who makes good decisions, throws the ball around pretty well," Brown said. "He makes mistakes just like everybody else. He gets tackled, he gets pressure. He throws interceptions, just like other quarterbacks when you pressure them."

While Crane is not as effective a passer as Ryan was last season, the 6-foot-4 senior is more of a dual-threat quarterback than his predecessor. Crane has rushed for 147 net yards and 13 touchdowns so far this season. Last year, Ryan had only one rushing touchdown with a net of minus-nine yards on the ground.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said that while the Eagles coaching staff has some running back plans drawn up specifically for Crane, a lot of his rushing yards come from scrambling.

"He's actually a guy who likes to run the ball, if little bit more not afraid to run it. They actually do run some read options with him actually carrying the ball," Weis said. "The other thing, if he doesn't see something in the passing game open, he's not afraid to pull it down and go with it. He does a nice job feeling pressure and avoiding the rush and getting out of the pocket and throwing the ball away when he's under pressure." Weis added.

"He's going to take it," Neal said.

Neal's learning process is nowhere near complete. He can't estimate himself how far he can go, but Brown said his future looks bright.

"He's still learning the college game," Brown said. "He'll get better. He'll definitely get better.

Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu

Eagles senior quarterback Chris Crane throws a pass during Boston College's 28-23 win over Virginia Tech on Oct. 18.

Irish sophomore linebacker Kerry Neal chases Wolverines tailback Sam McGuffie during Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan on Sept. 13. Neal's position is a hybrid between defensive end and linebacker.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Kerry Neal wants to be the best defensive end-linebacker hybrid player there is.

"Just being a dominant player, the most disruptive player," he said. "Having lineman jump offsides because of my speed and stuff along there. He's got the athleticism to do it. "He's very athletic and he has not played a lot," Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said. "This is his second year playing, so you would like to think he has a lot of room to grow still because of his athleticism."

Neal has steadily grown since high school, when he once played safety as a 170-pound freshman. Now, he said he's up around 250.

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Neal has a lot of room to grow still because of his athleticism. "Just got to be aware. If you're in an area to make a play, you make it," he said. "I have to just keep working hard. It helped a lot. I'm not nervous anymore out there. I feel like I'm supposed to be out there."

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