Energy audits increase efficiency

Nearly 3,000 fluorescent light bulbs distributed around campus as part of NBC's Green Week

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Over 75 student volunteers canvassed Notre Dame's campus Sunday in attempts to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy consumption.

As part of the program, the volunteers distributed about 3,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs in dorms.

Lourdes Long, president of GreeND, said GreeND and the Office of Sustainability coordinated the energy audits and light bulb exchange, with help from sustainability and energy efficiency and decrease compact fluorescent light bulbs in dorms.

"We probably got around 3,000 light bulbs out there ... and we went to about 1,000 rooms," Long said. Long said that each dorm had four volunteers participate, and students visited 29 of Notre Dame's 30 residence halls.

The event comes at the beginning of NBC Universal's Green Week, which will feature sustainability initiatives at Notre Dame and Syracuse during the television broadcast of the football game Saturday.

Sunday, volunteers exchanged light bulbs and performed energy audits in dorms on campus. Long said one of the primary parts of the audit was checking if thermostats were functioning properly.

FCC conducts project for homeless

Freshmen make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, package meals

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Freshman Class Council (FCC) held their second event of the year the Sunday afternoon, and made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and packaged meals for the homeless, FCC president Malcolm Phelan said.

"We thought this was a good combination of a childhood favorite activity and service toward community," Phelan said.

FCC bought supplies to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from their budget, and FCC members used meals at Grab N' Go to buy chips and juice boxes. Freshmen then made meals of a sandwich, chips and a juice box, said Phelan.

"I think it was a good amount considering that it was a Sunday afternoon," Soler said. "Everyone there seemed to have a good time and we got to see how the other teams and their fans expressed for each other."

"At the end of the game, it was silent when both teams stood for each other's Alma mater. The mutual respect between Notre Dame and Navy is really impressive," Desrosiers said.

Saint Mary's senior and Notre Dame cheerleader, Jenny Antonelli traveled to Baltimore with the squad to see ENERGY/page 4

FCC holds 5K run for children's hospital

By SARAH MAYER
Sports Writer

In an effort to raise money for their annual Dance Marathon to be held April 4 Saint Mary's College held a 5K walk/run, called "Trots for Tots".

The event kicked off Saturday at 9 a.m. with about 60 participants, special events committee chair Caitlin Murphy said. Students, faculty, and members of the South Bend community all took part, Murphy said.

The walk, which was held on Saint Mary's campus and on trails northwest of campus, raised over $500 and long-sleeve T-shirts will be on sale this week for $10, Murphy said. According to Murphy, the real reward was the community involvement.

Two bands entertain students

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Two distinct sounds blared from St. Stephan Center on Friday night as Cartel and Citizen Cope took the stage.

Cartel performed first followed by Citizen Cope at the Student Union Board (SUB) sponsored concert.

The atmosphere of the audience was dictated by the energy of the band performing. When Cartel was on stage, the crowd standing in front of the stage was more rowdy, energetically jumping up and down in tandem with the fast-paced strums of electric guitars.

The crowd's atmosphere changed dramatically when Citizen Cope took the stage as the audience took more to head-bobbing and foot-tapping rather than crowd surfing.

The crowd for Cartel was definitely way more rambunctious. We pushed around so much. Everyone was mooshing," said freshman Caitlin All.

Freshman Andrew Bulka described Cartel's music as more "energetic" and "upbeat," while Citizen Cope was more "chill" and "laid back."

However, Bulka said that the audience was into both types of music and knew the words to the songs of both bands.

Bulka saw Cartel as having "the rock star image of playing onstage a bit too much," while he said Citizen Cope was "more about the music."

"Looking at the monetary amount is a great indicator," Murphy said. "But also as I looked through the registration forms people had indicated various ways in which they heard about it. There was quite a bit of community involvement.

The event was held to help raise awareness for Dance Marathon in the community and accomplished its goal, she said.

Some may have wondered why the event was not held earlier in the year when the weather was warmer. Murphy said, however, the event was held in the spirit of thanksgiving, and so held just before the holiday, she said.

"In my home town, we have huge turkeys for turkey tarts and so that is how we angled the date.
INSIDE COLUMN

Should I stay or should I go?

As soon as I stepped onto campus for a visit during my senior year of high school, I immediately knew I wanted to attend Notre Dame. The school where my grandfather had graduated from 60 years earlier, this University seemed like a magical place to me — the place where I wanted to spend my next four years. I will always remember the first time I saw the Golden Dome, and how I thought it was truly the most beautiful building I had ever seen. But soon I will be leaving. It now seems that I will only spend three and a half years at Notre Dame. For the most part, I have loved it. The friends I have made are some of the best people I will ever know, and I will miss them terribly. But aside from that, I feel that breaking from routines and traveling halfway across the world will help me treasure my time at the University even more. Even though I no longer have freedom to roam all over campus, the University has given me a family I will never forget.

We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we are found to be not following the rules, we can correct our error. Some of the things that had to do with Notre Dame when I first thought about coming here did not work out as I expected. But the University as a whole has grown so bad that making jokes about how things have gotten better is not the path I want to take. And so I have led me to reflect on my first year at Notre Dame and see how much I have changed. But I think it's time for a break.

Without a doubt, the University will always leave its mark on my heart. As I prepare to study abroad and spend three and a half years at Notre Dame, as I prepare to study abroad for the next four years, I am thankful to my parents and incredibly proud of all the things I have been able to accomplish. The relationship between the University and the South Bend community has grown so bad that making jokes about how things have gotten better is not the path I want to take. But I think it's time for a break.
Nagle: Supreme Court follows Roosevelt’s path

Special to The Observer

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday (Nov. 12) in favor of the U.S. Navy regarding the use of sonar in training exercises even when it risked harming whales and other mammals. In doing so, according to John C. Nagle, John N. Matthews Professor of Law in the Notre Dame Law School, the court invoked the memory of President Theodore Roosevelt in a novel and significant way.

“We are accustomed to hearing Theodore Roosevelt being quoted in favor of environmental conservation,” Nagle said. “We forget that T.R. also served as an assistant secretary of the Navy. Chief Justice John G. Roberts invoked that experience in this week’s Supreme Court ruling.”

“Roberts quoted T.R.’s statement that ‘the only way a nation can ever be made efficient is by practice at sea, under all the conditions which would have to be met if war existed. The court thus overturned a previous decision which would have to be met if war existed,’” Nagle said. “Regardless of the history of the training exercises, the environmental impact of the training on whales and other mammals, and the environmental studies which would have to be met if war existed, the court avoided any requirement that the Navy resume the training because the environmental impact of even one training exercise isn’t significant.”

According to Nagle, “The case the court considered was the Navy’s application for a permit to conduct training exercises off the coast of Northern California pending the completion of further studies of the impact of the training on nearby whales.”

ACE study focuses on U.S. pastors

Research is a response to ND’s 2005-06 report on Catholic education

Special to The Observer

Three members of the University of Notre Dame faculty have completed a national research study titled "Faith, Finances and the Future: The Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors," to be published by Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Press. Authored by Rev. Ronald Nuzzi, director of the ACE Leadership Program, and ACE faculty members James Fraught and Anthony Holter, the report presents findings from a 2008 nationwide study of pastors with responsibility for Catholic schools, as well as recommendations for addressing the most pressing issues those pastors identified. Only the third such study in the history of American Catholic education, the first in nearly 10 years, the Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors is a systematic analysis of pastors’ needs and perceptions regarding Catholic schools and Catholic education.

More than 2,000 pastors from parishes across the country were contacted to participate in the study, the findings of which indicate that regardless of location or size of the parish, pastors consistently identify Catholic identity and finances as the two most important needs facing their schools.

Findings also show that pastors who believe the mission of their parish school is valued and supported by Catholic institutions of higher education tend to value the school more significantly than those pastors who do not perceive such external support for their school’s mission.

The authors of the study offer several recommendations to address the needs illuminated by their findings. In the area of finances, they propose that Catholic school systems decrease expenses by establishing regional or national cooperatives to cut health care and energy costs. The study also identifies how to increase revenue by better accessing federal and state funds available to them, to becoming more active in the school choice arena, and in taking a more sophisticated approach to pooled investments.

In regard to the Catholic identity needs the pastors expressed, the research team recommends that the school community be more consciously integrated into the overall life of the parish, so that schools might be viewed as an integral part of the parish’s larger pastoral services framework.

Increasing efforts to sustain and strengthen the spiritual growth of faculty and staff, the study also is proposed as a means of enhancing the Catholic identity of the schools.

School leaders are meeting to discuss recommendations and to develop action plans to work toward implementing the recommendations. Among the recommendations are plans to align the ACE mission to support and strengthen school development, and to transform our Catholic schools,” Father Nuzzi said.

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Cartel played songs from both of their albums, plus a cover of Paul’s “Wunderkind,” which the crowd sang along with. They closed with their hit single “Flourish.”

Citizen Cope played a versatile range of music, said Belka, performing both with a band and without, with an electric guitar and then an acoustic guitar.

The versatility of Citizen Cope’s music is “genre breaking,” said Belka.

Towards the end of his performance, the one-man-act of Citizen Cope, Clarence Greenwood, and his band, left the stage, then came back out again to perform his encore solo. He ended with his hit “Son’s Gonna His” and “Sideways.”

Sophomore Dylan Fernandez, who was a bigger fan of Citizen Cope, said that seeing Greenwood perform was a good way to start the weekend.

“I really like the way my man Clarence grooves. He hits you in the face with a real chill vibe,” said Fernandez.

Co-programmer of the concert and senior Clint Simkins said that SUB wanted to host a concert that would appeal to the majority of the student body.

“Having two different acts was the best way to do this,” he said. “These two acts explore genres that are fairly separate, but maintain a common base for the most part.”

A major difference from past concerts is that the floor of Stepan Center was set up as a standing room only with chairs on the sides. In the past, chairs have been placed throughout the main area in Stepan Center, said Belka.

All liked this new set up because while the Stepan Center floor is slight, it is also possible to get up close to the band.

“It’s a big space so there’s room to spread out but you can get pretty close to the stage,” said Alli. “You are right there with the band.”

Currently, SUB has no plans for another major concert at Stepan Center this year, but is planning two shows at Legends and at the spring, said Casey McEddy, co-programmer of the concert.

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working, it needs to be reported,” Long said.

Senior Carol Matasci volunteered to help check dorm rooms Sunday night. Matasci said that between her and a few other Farley residents, they knocked on every door in Farley to offer light bulbs and perform an energy audit.

Matasci said students were receptive to the light bulbs and receiving tips on saving energy.

“Some people already had the (fluorescent light bulbs), but the people who didn’t were happy to take the new ones,” she said.

Matasci said she asked residents about their thermostats, and reported that she alone had been to 10 rooms with thermostat issues that needed to be repaired.

“We also asked about the computer power settings, because a lot of people don’t have their computers on the energy saving settings,” she said.

She also asked students if their windows closed properly and if they were always using the lights when they were home, she added.

Matasci said she was concerned about energy consumption, "but they haven’t necessarily taken the step yet, or a lot people didn’t know how to change the setting on their computer,” she said.

The light bulbs used in the exchange were purchased by the Office of Sustainability with money from a $2 million green lease. Long said the investment would see savings that exceeded the cost of the bulbs in a year.

“That’s a pretty quick return on an investment,” Long said.

NBC challenged both Notre Dame and Syracuse to get as many people possible to reduce carbon using the Web site Carbon Rally, by joining and taking classroom cut减排.

As of Sunday evening, the “Fighting Irish” team had 1,034 members, far exceeding Syracuse’s “Be Orange Think Green” team with 394 members. The team with the most members will win $10,000.

Long said students can sign up for the Office of Sustainability’s Web-site.

NBC will also be sponsoring an environmental competition between Notre Dame and Syracuse. Students from both schools can create 30-second films about sustainability issues, and the winning ad will be broadcast during the Notre Dame-Syracuse football game.

As part of Green Week, the game will be carbon neutral—a first for the University.

Long said emissions from fan travel, team travel and any activities at the stadium on game day will be taken into account in determining how much carbon neutral the game is to order to have a carbon neutral game.

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with children with disabilities, and a St. Baldrick’s Day, in which people volunteer to shave their heads to support children with cancer.

Phelan also said that students who were involved in student government in high school will have an opportunity to be involved. FCC is planning to form a committee comprised of freshmen who want to volunteer to help out with events.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Indonesia under tsunami warning

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A powerful earthquake struck waters off eastern Indonesia early Monday, generating tsunami warnings for coastlines within 600 miles of the epicenter.

The U.S. Geological Survey put the quake’s preliminary magnitude at 7.5 and said it struck 13 miles beneath the sea. It was centered 54 miles from Gorontalo, a coastal town on Sulawesi island.

For weeks, the city had been on high alert after the Indonesian government said there was a chance of a tsunami. However, the government later decided it was not a threat. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the quake had the potential to generate a destructive tsunami along coasts within 600 miles of the epicenter.

Four killed in Gaza City airstrike

Gaza City, Gaza Strip — An airstrike killed four Palestinians as they were firing mortars at Israeli positions near Gaza City on Sunday, the latest in a surge of clashes that have rocked a 5-month-old truce between Israel and Hamas rulers.

In a separate incident, Palestinian rocket fire injured one Israeli.

Both sides say they would like to preserve the truce, which expired last month. But with violence escalating over the past two weeks, the cease-fire appears to be unraveling.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Man rides across US on horseback

Seattle — More than halfway through his 2,000-mile horseback journey across the West, Mark Ryan stopped at Zeb Bell’s ranch outside a tiny town in southern Idaho.

“He just showed up at my back door, all of the sudden there he was,” recalled Bell, a pro rodeo announcer. “He introduced himself, and asked to just stay here for the night. It’s not the first time we’ve had someone like him.”

Bell described Ryan as a long rider — someone who rides horseback for hundreds or thousands of miles, echoes an era long gone. For Ryan, riding across the West on his horse — Mister Doodles — to visit a friend was a chance to see the country in a way not many other people do.

Burlington named healthiest city

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LOCAL NEWS

LaPorte to cut back on Christmas lights

LaPorte, Ind. — The city of LaPorte says it won’t put up Christmas lights downtown this year because it doesn’t have money on hand to fix damaged electrical outlets.

An ongoing property tax reassessment in LaPorte County has caused delays in tax receipts. The city has to borrow money to get by, and can’t afford the $3,000 it would take to fix 20 to 30 in-ground electrical outlets needed to operate the Christmas lights.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles battles three wildfires

500 homes in Orange County, San Fernando Valley totally destroyed

Associated Press

A firefighter approaches a home in the Sylmar area of Los Angeles on Saturday as a wildfire nears the area.

A series of fires have injured at least 20 people and destroyed hundreds of homes from coastal Santa Barbara to inland Riverside County, on the other side of the heavily populated Los Angeles area.

The blaze, whose cause was under investigation, threatened at least 1,000 structures, city Fire Department spokeswoman Melissa Kelley said. A burned resident was in serious condition, and four firefighters were treated for minor injuries.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in Los Angeles and Orange and Riverside counties. Fire officials estimated that its peak, 10,000 people were under orders to evacuate.

Extreme fire conditions were expected to continue into Sunday morning, with humidity at just 15 percent to 20 percent and winds gusting to 45 mph through canyons. Winds, however, could reverse direction and dip to 5 mph breezes Sunday afternoon.

BLM auctions off drilling platforms

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The view from Delicate Arch natural bridge — an unobstructed vista typical of the National Park in Utah — is expected to change if a federal court overturns a Bush administration “fire sale” for oil and gas leases.

A federal judge in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management case said Wednesday he was more than likely to accept 56,000 acres of oil and gas parcels alongside or within view of Arches National Park and two other redrock national parks in Utah: Dinosaur and Canyonlands.

The National Park Service’s top official in the state calls it “shocking and disturbing” and says his agency wasn’t properly notified. Environmentalists call it a “freelance” sale by the oil and gas industry, by a departing administration.

Officials of the BLM, which oversees millions of acres of public land in the West, say the sale is nothing unusual, and one is “puzzled” that the Park Service is upset.

“We find it shocking and disturbing,” said Cordell Roy, the chief Park Service administrator in Utah. “They added 51,000 acres of tracts near Arches, Dinosaur and Canyonlands without telling us about it. That’s 40 tracts within four miles of these parks.”

Top aides to Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne stopped in the Dray, ordering the sister agencies to make amends. His press secretary, Shane Connolly, said The Associated Press that deputy Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett “resolved the issue within 24 hours” last week.

A compromise ordered by the Interior Department requires the BLM to “take quite seriously” the Park Service’s objections, said Wolfe.

However, the BLM didn’t promise to pull any parcels from the sale, and in an interview after the supposed truce, BLM state director Selma Sierra was defiant, saying she saw nothing wrong with drilling near national parks.
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## MARKET RECAP

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### IN BRIEF

Law professor challenges music industry

**BOSTON** — The music industry's courtroom campaign against people who share songs online is coming under counterattack.

A Harvard Law School professor has launched a constitutional assault against a federal copyright law at the heart of the industry's aggressive strategy, which has wrung payments from thousands of song-swappers since 2003.

The professor, Charles Nesson, has come to the defense of a Boston University graduate student targeted in one of the music industry's lawsuits. By taking on the case, Nesson hopes to challenge the basis for the suit, and all others like it.

Nesson argues that the Digital Theft Deterrence and Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999 is unconstitutional because it effectively lets a private group — the Recording Industry Association of America, or RIAA — carry out civil enforcement of a criminal law. He also says the music industry group abused the legal process by branding the prospects of lengthy and costly lawsuits in an effort to intimidate people into selling rights out of court.

Times Square to put up "green" billboard

NEW YORK — This winter, New Year's Eve revelers will have a close-up view of Times Square's first environmentally friendly billboard powered entirely by wind and sun.

But the billboard might not be quite as dazzling as some of its high-powered neighbors along the Great White Way.

Construction on the 35,000-pound sign advertising Swiss American Corp. is to begin this month across the avenue from the building where the ball drops on New Year's Eve. Body copy of the rest of the way. Body copy of the rest of the way. Body copy of the rest of the way.

Powered by 16 wind turbines and 64 solar panels, the sign is expected to save $12,000 to $15,000 per month in electricity costs. Rich, an office equipment and document storage supplier, estimates the sign will also keep 18 tons of carbon out of the environment.

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### Auto bailout showdown imminent

Democrats pledge to help struggling companies, but need GOP support to pass bill

Ford CEO Allan Mullaly arrives in Washington on Thursday to meet with several members of Congress, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

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**WASHINGTON** — Hardline opponents of an auto industry bailout branded the industry a "dinosaur" whose "day of reckoning" is near while Democrats pledged Sunday to do what their best to get Detroit's Big Three and parts supplier Wall Street rescue in this week's lame-duck session of Congress.

The companies are seeking $25 billion from the government to avoid industry bailout for emergency loans, though supporters of the aid for General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC have offered to reduce the size of the rescue to win backing in Congress.

Senate Democrats intended to introduce legislation Monday attacking an auto bailout to a "passed-out bill extending unemployment benefits." A vote was expected as early as Wednesday.

A White House alternative would let the car companies take $25 billion in loans provided they prove approved to develop fuel-efficient vehicles and use the money for more immediate needs. Congressional Democrats oppose the White House plan as shortsighted.

Majority Democrats will need at least a dozen GOP votes in the Senate to prevent opponents from blocking their measure — assuming all Senate Democrats support it. Senate Finance Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky questioned Saturday whether there was sufficient Democratic support for an auto bailout in light of the vote that was released Sunday.

"The silence from the Democrat rank and file on this matter has been deafening," McConnell said.

So far two Republicans publicly have voted support for the idea. Several others, including Minnesota Sen. Norm Coleman, have indicated they might accept a rescue under strict conditions.

Sens. Richard Shelby of Alabama and Jon Kyl of Arizona said it would be a mistake to use any of the Wall Street rescue money to prop up the automakers because a bailout would only postpone the industry's demise.

"Companies fail everyday and others take their place," said Kyl, a junior Republican on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. "They're not building the right products," he said. "They've got good workers but I don't believe they've got good management. They don't innovate. They're a dinosaur in a sense."

Added Kyl, the Senate's second-ranking Republican: "Just giving them $25 billion doesn't change anything. It just puts off for six months or so the day of reckoning."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said over the weekend the House would aid the ailing industry, though she didn't put a price on her plan. "The House is ready to do it," said Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. "There's no downside to trying."

Frank's committee has scheduled a Wednesday hearing on an auto bailout. It is a more difficult fight in the Senate, given the Democrats' slim edge and President George W. Bush's opposition. Bush wants to speed the release of $25 billion from a separate loan program intended to help the automakers develop fuel-efficient vehicles and have that money go toward more urgent purposes as the companies struggle to stay afloat.

"That should be done this week," Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said. He said reopening the Wall Street bailout and including automakers could attract other industries looking for bailouts.

"If you start that, where do you stop?" he asked. "There's a line of companies of industries waiting at Treasury just to see if they can get their hands on those $700 billion.

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**Obama plans for financial overhaul**

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama isn't president yet, but his must-do list just got longer.

The addition to the lengthy list of tasks after taking office: helping oversee the overhaul of the world's financial regulatory system.

That is one of the assignments to the president-elect from current global leaders after their weekend summit, where they pledged action to avoid a repeat of the financial crisis that has caused worldwide economic chaos.

"Obama has a tall order," said Morris Goldstein, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics who spent years working at the International Monetary Fund, the world's financial firefighter.

"He has a lot of things he has to do in a number of areas and doesn't have a lot of time to think about them," Goldstein said in an interview Sunday. That will put a lot of pressure on Obama. He did not participate in the emergency two-day summit that concluded Saturday, instead sending representatives to meet with leaders on the sidelines.

After taking the oath of office Jan. 20, Obama will have to figure out in short order how far his administration is willing to go in revamping oversight of financial companies and products, in the United States and abroad, and nailing down the crucial details.

"Obama has an incredible mountain to climb in the way of the economic and financial situation," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.

President George W. Bush hosted the summit, where nearly two dozen foreign leaders endorsed broad goals to fend off any future calamities and to revolve the global economy. It will be up to Finance ministers to flesh out the details to put such changes in place by the end of March. Leaders plan to hold the next summit by April 30 — just months into Obama's term.
When I received my B.A. in 2006, I was told by the president of my university that my degree was a ticket to “the fellowship of educated men and women,” and similar sentiments are replicated in commencement ceremonies across the country.

Yet these celebrations of learning and educational accomplishment also mark an end for many of those newly-minted bachelors of arts and sciences. After they earn their degrees, nearly half of all college graduates in the United States—42 percent, according to the National Endowment for the Arts—never read another book in their lifetime. And even such a dismal rate pales in comparison to the American population as a whole, in which 70 percent of adults have never been in a bookstore in the last five years, 80 percent of families have never read or purchased a book in the last year. And just 57 percent of adults never read a book after high school. Such ratios are probably lower among Notre Dame graduates, but still, there are probably those among you who, once you finish up that last paper for your last class of your undergraduate career, will do the same.

Such a booklessness is almost unthinkable to me. As a graduate student, of course, my intended career depends in large part on constant reading and books play such a central role in my life that I cannot imagine doing without them. But the part of me that is an aspiring teacher feels something much more visceral: confusion, outrage and fear that the problem is nearly insurmountable—the same feelings, in fact, that the last two years of Irish football, or the last two months of economic news, have inspired.

Unless you are in the fields of publishing or library science, the big problem is not that people are reading no books at all. Instead, these dismal reading habits indicate something deeper: that, despite the competition of their undergraduate programs and despite a bachelor’s degree ostensibly being the entrance requirement to the “fellowship of educated men and women,” just under half of those educated men and women will knowingly and willfully shut themselves off from the single best (but, admittedly, most demanding) source of thought and effort: the printed word.

So is it the students’ fault for being so apathetic to books? Is it the teachers’ fault for failing to make students appreciate reading, let alone learning, in general? Or is it that undergraduate education is so muddled and inconsistent that students don’t know what to do when goals and philosophies— if at all stated—vary from department to department, class to class, instructor to instructor? The answer probably lies somewhere between these three extremes; yes, there are uninterested students and bad teachers and vague, disinterested, unspecific goals, but neither one accounts for the staggering failure of a college education to reach nearly half of its recipients. Without a clear way forward, in the face of apathy, overwhelming indifference, and with an apparently disappointing return on the investment of time, energy, and passion, teaching can sometimes feel as futile and self-defeating as trying to fill a shot glass with a fire hose. After all, between trying to teach critical and abstract thought, drawing up lesson plans, grading, revising that students are prepared for exams, making sure that everyone has done the work, reading and generally coping with all the other demands on students’ time and energy, my job as a teaching assistant leaves little time to instill a love of reading books for the sake of intellectual—not merely academic—reward.

I assume this is true of more than just history TAs. But without a concerted effort by everyone—students, teachers, and full-time pedagogy—is there probably too much to do except beat on, boil against the current, horse coarsely not into past but into an indifference towards reading and the sustained, nuanced intellectual exertion that it demands.

But what do you, dear reader, think about this? There is, after all, nothing worse than being nothing but a critic and offering no constructive suggestions, but in this case, the lack of a solution except a profound shift in everyone’s attitude toward reading, books and learning in general, which one solo teaching assistant/Observer columnist simply cannot do. Do you think that this rejection of books is in a symptom of a larger rejection of complex thought and critical engagement? Or has my own academic upbringing made me oblivious to the ability of television, radio and the internet to do exactly the same thing as books while being cheaper, more efficient and more accessible? And for those who are already looking forward to never reading another book for as long as you live—where did we, the teachers, go wrong?

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Speak Up, Please
**Lack of acceptance**

*an issue of ignorance*

Yesterday, I was shocked and saddened by Colin Keeler's gross misjudgment ("Learning to laugh," Nov. 12) of what is considered an acceptable subject to "joke" about. Colin, acceptable topics to poke fun at are you are "elated" when SUB is showing a certain movie or that you actually use the phrase: "I hope to break the news." You see, Colin, I can make fun of you, because — though you are just a freshman — you can choose to respond and defend your position. In addition to your capability to respond, no matter how weakly, you can also understand the humor that I am aiming at you. People with special needs can neither defend themselves, nor even understand the poke-fun-at-the-joke expense. That is the difference between "poking fun" at the mentally handicapped or "joking" religious or sexually oriented groups; regardless of whether your jokes are offensive, those groups of people have the opportunity to either protest or laugh along with you. Persons with special needs are never laughing with us, we are lachling at them. That is why it is degrading.

Of course, Colin, your ignorance is not completely your fault. I have noticed in Viewpoint that the advocates of developmentally disabled persons are almost exclusively siblings or family members of someone with special needs (this because they are the one fighting to get their (or their brother has autism and Downs Syndrome). This is probably due to past tradition of segmenting the mentally handicapped from the rest of society. Most Catholic schools have an option or choose to offer special education programs, while public schools, until recently, have kept the handicapped in a separate classroom. In all schools, regardless of whether your jokes are offensive, those groups of people have the opportunity to either protest or laugh along with you. Persons with special needs are never laughing with us, we are lachling at them. That is why it is degrading.

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In a year that has included artists ranging from magazine journalist to the writer of a genre-defying novel, Bosnian-Herzegovinian journalist and fiction writer Aleksandar Hemon will close the 42nd Literary Festival with three different events today.

Hemon's work in English began in 1995, when he first published articles in a variety of English-language magazines, including "The Paris Review" and "The New Yorker." His first book, the critically acclaimed story collection "The Question of Bruno," was published in 2000. It was followed two years later by a novel, "Nowhere Man." In subsequent years, Hemon has become an established favorite of literary critics, receiving a MacArthur "genius" grant four years ago.

Currently, Hemon is riding the critical waves of his latest release, a novel entitled "The Lazarus Project." The novel, a finalist for the National Book Award, describes the life of Lazarus Averbuch, an eastern European immigrant who was shot by the Chicago police in 1908. Averbuch's narrative is contrasted in the novel with a present-day writer named Brik who is researching his life.

"What I like about literature are the transformative possibilities," Hemon told the Los Angeles Times in a May 25 interview. "The great books teach you how to read them. Joyce, Sebald — not that I count myself in that group — but those writers cause you to have to drop your habits and expectations and give yourself to the book."

The Literary Festival is presented by Student Union Board (SUB) and the University's Creative Writing Program. In its more than four decades of history, the festival has attracted its fair share of famous authors, including McSweeney's engineer Dave Eggers ("A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius") and the late Aleksandar Hemon.

In keeping with changes made for last year's festival, SUB has staggered the invited authors over a period of several weeks. Hemon is the last of this year's four writers, a group whose variety has hallmarkled the festival's events.

On Nov. 6 the Observer reported that Ben Nugent was the first of the Festival's invited authors to appear on campus on Nov. 4. Nugent is a journalist and essayist whose work has appeared in Time, GQ and New York Times magazine, among others. His best-known book, "American Nero: The Story of My People," was published in 2000. Nugent told the Observer that "It's a combo of memoir, history and cultural criticism. It has stories of my nerdy childhood and also a history of nerdy people."

Nugent has also written a biography of late musician Elliott Smith. The festival's second writer, Galchen, is a Canadian-American author who currently teaches at Columbia University. Galchen received an M.D. from Mount Sinai before completing an M.F.A. at Columbia. In 2006, she received the Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award for women writers. She's best known for her novel "Atmospheric Disturbances," the story of a professor at a fictional university with the same name as her father, Tovi Gal-Chen. As of last month, the novel had been named as a finalist for several prizes, including the Governor General's Award. She has also been published in the New York Times and The New Yorker.

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By BILL BRINK
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BALTIMORE — Just in case the combination of the pouring rain and the dull offensive schemes of both Notre Dame and Navy caused fans to lose interest, the teams spiced it up at the end. A couple of onside kicks, recoveries, a long pass and some touchdowns, and everyone watched with rapt attention.

Navy almost muddled its second comeback in two years, but couldn't finish the job, and Notre Dame hung on to win 27-21 in Baltimore Saturday. With memories of last year's triple-overtime defeat that ended a 43-year Irish winning streak still fresh, the last few minutes got tense, but the Irish stuck it out.

Navy recovered two consecutive onside kicks in the final two minutes and had a shot at the win until the Irish defense forced a turnover on downs with 22 seconds left.

"I'm looking to see if anyone wants to be on my hands team next week," Irish coach Charlie Weis joked during his post-game press conference. "Any volunteers?"

Navy got the ball 2:30 left in the game after a Notre Dame three-and-out and a couple of Navy punts. White broke a 24-yard touchdown run to make the score 27-14. On the ensuing onside kick, Notre Dame wide receiver Toryan Parris knocked the ball out of bounds, but the referees called an illegal batting penalty and ordered a re-kick. On the second kick, Navy's Cory Johnson came down with it.

On Navy's first play from scrimmage, quarterback Ricky Dobbs, who replaced starter Jared Bayard midway through the game, completed a 40-yard pass to receiver Tyree Barnes, setting up first-and-goal on the 1-yard line. Two plays later, he leaped over a pile into the end zone to bring the Midshipmen within six.

Another onside kick, another recovery by Johnson.

"Usually you don't spend a whole bunch of times on our hands team," Weis said. "You practice it a couple times a week. But obviously we'll give it a lot more time this week."

The Midshipmen moved the ball to the Irish 31-yard line, but fumbled, and Navy recovered. The Irish forced a Navy turnover on downs with 2:30 left in the game, and converted one third-down conversion to the Irish 31-yard line. Two plays later, Johnson came down with it. Weis said part of his decision to turn the ball over was based on the look of Navy's defense, a soft Cover-2 zone where the safeties played far off the line of scrimmage and the defense only rushed three men at times.

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Irish still lack killer instinct

Baltimore — For those of you who are too busy saying Rosaries thanking the Virgin Mother for not letting Notre Dame lose to Navy again, here’s a quick recap of a game you may have missed.

With only seconds remaining on the clock and his team losing to rival Southern Cal 43-17, Stanford coach Pete Carroll uses one of his remaining time outs to ice the Cardinal kicker.

Hauberg takes offense — not at the act itself, but at Carroll’s attempt to out-class him — and sends back out the offense.

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Ground game keys Irish victory

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

This game featured bizarro football. Navy, statistically the second-best rushing team in the nation coming into the game, sputtered on the ground. The Midshipmen only rushed for 178 yards, 130 yards below their season average. Neither Jarod Bryant or Ricky Dobbs led the option offense effectively at quarterback.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, rushed for 226 more yards (3.6 more than their average), averaging 4.5 yards per carry and spreading those yards between its three running backs.

Irish coach Charlie Weis decided at halftime that the offense, which had not accomplished much in the first half, needed a change. He said he watched Navy's previous games and thought they rushed for Cover-2 accomplish much in the first half, going to run the ball until I get sick of running it.

"That's basically what we ended up getting in the first half. We forgot how to throw the ball down the field, but they were playing a soft shell and dropping eight a lot of times and there weren't many wide windows," Weis said.

"I came in at halftime and told these guys we're going to throw it out and we were going to run the ball until I get sick of running it."

Weis never got tired of running it. The Irish gained 11 yards on the ground in the second half.

"It was great," said running back Armando Allen, who finished with eight carries for 60 yards and a touchdown.

"We practice with each other every day so we know how to do it, but to go out there and perform was just amazing."

Allen said the way he had carried the ball and the coaches saying we're going to run the ball, Allen said.

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Armando Allen Irish running back

"When they talk about throwing the ball, the first thing on my mind is pass protection," he said. "I got to block. But just to go out the backfield and be able to catch the ball is also a plus for me."

On the next drive, Weis gave running back Robert Hughes a turn. Hughes rushed six straight times, the last resulting in a seven-yard touchdown run. Hughes finished with 64 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries.

"It felt good," Hughes said. "Whenever you can get everybody in the rotation and get going in the run game is great."

James Aldridge, who led the team in carries and yards (16 for 86) rushed six times against the Midshipmen, had his share of those screen passes for first downs.

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Notre Dame 7, Navy 0
Toryan Smith 14-yard blocked punt return (Brandon Walker kick) with 2:00 remaining.

Second quarter
Notre Dame 7, Navy 3
Armando Allen 11-yard run (Matt Harmon kick) with 2:39 remaining. Driver: 5 plays, 58 yards, 2:05 elapsed.

Notre Dame 10, Navy 7
Walker 28-yard field goal with 0:30 remaining. Driver: 8 plays, 46 yards, 1:09 elapsed.

Third quarter
Notre Dame 17, Navy 7
Armando Allen 22-yard run (Walker kick) with 9:31 remaining. Driver: 8 plays, 46 yards, 5:02 remaining.

Notre Dame 24, Navy 7
Robert Hughes 7-yard run (Walker kick) with 2:29 remaining. Driver: 8 plays, 61 yards, 4:50 remaining.

Fourth quarter
Notre Dame 27, Navy 7
Walker 36-yard field goal with 11:17 remaining. Driver: 11 plays, 46 yards, 9:22 remaining.

Notre Dame 27, Navy 14
Shawn White 24-yard field goal (Harmon kick) with 1:38 remaining. Driver: 4 plays, 57 yards, 5:12 elapsed.

Notre Dame 27, Navy 21
Ricky Dobbs 1-yard run (Harmon kick) with 1:21 remaining. Driver: 3 plays, 41 yards, 15 elapsed.

statistics

total yards

| Notre Dame | 448 | Navy | 230 |

rushing yards

| Notre Dame | 178 | Navy | 60 |

passing yards

| Notre Dame | 64 | Navy | 10 |

time of possession

| Notre Dame | 30:06 | Navy | 29:54 |

Field goals

| Notre Dame | 5/6 | Navy | 1/2 |

Punting

| Notre Dame | 41.0 | Navy | 37.6 |

FUMBLING

| Notre Dame | 1 | Navy | 1 |

fumbles

| Notre Dame | 1 | Navy | 0 |

penalties

| Notre Dame | 56.0 | Navy | 38.0 |

penalty yards

| Notre Dame | 60 | Navy | 30 |

fumbles

| Notre Dame | 0 | Navy | 2 |

Net punt return yards

| Notre Dame | 17 | Navy | 28 |

Special teams

| Notre Dame | 12 | Navy | 0 |

Premium kickaways

| Notre Dame | 0 | Navy | 0 |

Premium kicks

| Notre Dame | 10 | Navy | 0 |

Extra points

| Notre Dame | 3/3 | Navy | 2/2 |

Game time

| Notre Dame | 1:59 | Navy | 1:59 |

Game time

Floyd, Smith ruled out until bowl game

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said that wide receiver Michael Floyd and linebacker Brian Smith will miss the remaining two regular season games because of knee injuries suffered Saturday against Navy.

Floyd injured his knee on the first drive of the game. Smith injured his knee because of an illegal chop block. Although both will miss the next two weeks, Weis said they should be healthy by the middle of December meaning they will likely be active if the Irish go to a bowl.

"They are both looking at a four week period, and fortunately for us, they could take us to the middle of December, and still giving you over a couple of weeks to get their cardiovascular up and be ready to go," Notre Dame cornerback Terrail Lambert did not play either on Saturday after injuring his ankle on Thursday.

Weis said the fifth-year senior is "50-50" for Notre Dame's game against Syracuse on Saturday and should be ready by Nov. 29 when the Irish play USC.

FRESH FACES

Freshman running back Robert Blanton rushed for 87 yards in the first game of his Irish career in place of the injured Lambton. Blanton is the sixthFreshman to start for Notre Dame this season. Floyd, tight end Kyle Rudolph, defensive end Ethan Johnson, linebacker Darius Fleming and offensive guard Trevor Robinson.

VERY SPECIAL TEAMS

Senior Mike Anello continues his impressive season on special teams for Notre Dame. Blocking the first punt of his career in the first quarter. The block led to a Toryan Smith touchdown, also the first of his career.

"It was just something special teams coach (Brian) Polian and coach Weis set up for me," Anello said. "I was lucky enough to get a hand on it."

This was Notre Dame's second blocked punt of the season.

Cornerback Sergio Grimes had the first in the season opener against San Diego State.

Speaking of punts ...

Eric Maass's second special teams punt Saturday marked the first time since 2004 that Navy forced the Irish to punt, when D. J. Fitzpatrick did so in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 27-9 win that season.

Notre Dame ran 247 plays against Navy in between punts.

Offensive changeup

Notre Dame ran 51 times against Navy — a season high. Also, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen only threw the ball 18 times against the Midshipmen.

As a team, the Irish were 15 of 19 with 110 yards and two picks — record lows for Weis time at the University for attempts and completions.

Shoring up the defense

Navy ran for only 178 yards on Saturday, 17th lowest total in the series since 2001, when it managed 177 yards. Coming into this game, the Midshipmen were averaging 305 yards per game on the ground.

Saturday also marked the first time all season Navy did not score on its opening drive.

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Navy was supposed to be the team with the dominating rushing attack, but somebody must have forgotten to tell Notre Dame. The Irish rushed for 240 yards while holding the Midshipmen to 178. 130 yards under their season average. Notre Dame never trailed despite a lackluster performance from quarterback Jimmy Clausen that included three of the team's five turnovers. The Irish struck first when Mike Arellio blocked a first-quarter punt and Toryan Smith scooped it up for a touchdown. After Navy tied the game 7-7, Brandon Walker gave the Irish a 10-7 lead with a field goal as time expired in the first half. Then the Notre Dame running back trio of Armando Allen, Robert Hughes and James Aldridge took over as Allen and Hughes punched in scores on consecutive third-quarter drives to give Notre Dame a 24-7 lead. Walker added a field goal to make it 27-7 with five minutes to play, and with most of the Irish starters on the sideline, the game looked to be well in hand. But Navy scored a pair of touchdowns to cut the lead to 27-21, and Notre Dame needed a last-minute defensive stand to stop what would have been a shocking comeback by the Midshipmen.
watch out for 2009's
WATCHMEN

Many of you have, no doubt, seen trailers for a new superhero movie. The trailer looks fairly generic, filled with CGI-style effects and a plethora of unknown actors. Though the marketing teams seem confused with the film's direction, the many fans of its source material are counting down the days until it appears at the local Cinplex. “Watchmen” has been a hit with all types of nerds, geeks and dorks, and like everything they have come to love, it will soon be as mainstream as every other superhero has become in these last few summers. The story centers on costumed crime fighters who, with one exception, have no special powers. Surprisingly, they are completely human.

The story is filled with betrayals, hubris, omnipotent cynics, good, evil and the confusion in between. Taking place during the Cold War, the story of “Watchmen” begins with the murder of a former caped crusader and doesn’t slow down.

The film is based on a graphic novel, originally 12 comic book size chapters — yes, 12, like a watch, there's plenty of symbolism for you. Filled with quotes and quotable moments, references and allusions, it is a virtual time capsule of the 1980s. The characters, too, are worth mention, with most portrayed as morally ambiguous and all being character studies of quality.

Alan Moore, the creator of “Watchmen,” has also written the original works on which films such as “V for Vendetta,” and “From Hell” have been based. He has often been a critic of the movie industry’s take on graphic novels, firmly believing that since been created “Watchmen” as a comic, then it should remain as one. Never has he given a green light to make film versions of his creations, but he has said that the screenplay for the upcoming “Watchmen” film is the closest he could imagine a screenplay adaptation could come. With its captivating and memorable visuals, the graphic novel has often been called a cinematic work, yet most have considered the text to be unfilmable. Directors such as David Hayter and Darren Aronofsky have been trying since 1986 to cinematically interpret the novel, and the ultimate product is set to emerge this March.

There are many reasons why this film has potential; being called the “Citizen Kane” of comic books is a good place to start.

“Watchmen” is the only comic book to be on Time magazine’s list of the 100 best English language novels (from 1923 onwards). It has won the Hugo award and garnered universal critical acclaim.

From a film perspective, “Watchmen” has another thing going for it — it’s not unlike another comic book film that came out this summer, one that was based on a popular graphic novel.

Though the other film had an all-star cast and much more name recognition, “Watchmen” and “The Dark Knight” both spring from the same creative vein.

There are only so many ways to inspire interest in a film that’s not due to be released until next spring, and it would be difficult to mention more without giving valuable information away. Rewatch the trailer, read the graphic novel, convince your friends, and go see the movie. One of those four will no doubt be enlightening to some degree, and might even be fun.

Moore’s graphic novel has been around for over twenty years, and will no doubt be influential in various media for decades to come.

The original text may be called a seminal work, but it will only matter in March of 2009 when we find out who actually watches the “Watchmen.”

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Cincinnati’s Shayne Graham said the Bengals would have settled for a tie with 3-5-1 into a three-way tie for first place in the NFC North. Each team in this pattern—a blitzing defense trying to erase the offense’s mistakes—ended it in a draw.

McNabb said he only had five interceptions coming in, went 38-of-68 for 339 yards. He repeatedly missed open receivers in an offense that has come to rely on him almost entirely because it can’t run.

Stunning stat: Philadelphia tried to pass on all of its 18 third-down plays, including three third-and-1 plays. The Eagles converted only three of their third-down plays as they got away from their ineffective running game.

"It makes you look at different options," said Brian Westbrook, who ran for only 60 yards. "Today we tried a couple of different things, and we weren’t successful.

Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Darren Howard (90) recovers a fumble against the Cincinnati Bengals in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, in Cincinnati. The Eagles' 14-13 win over the Bengals in a 13-1 tie, the NFL's first in six years.

Green Bay 37, Chicago 3

Hello, Lynn Grimm. Goodbye, Soldier Field North.

Grant finally hit his stride—and justified his big contract—for the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, rushing for 141 yards and a touchdown in a dominant victory over the Chicago Bears.

The win boosts the Packers (5-5) into a three-way tie with the Bears and Minnesota Vikings atop the muddled NFC North. It has been an up-and-down season for the post-Brett Favre Packers, but Sunday they put it in position to win the division again.

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**In Brief**

Armstrong meets with Tour de France officials

MILAN, Italy — Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong plans to meet with Tour officials before deciding to compete in the 2009 race. The Gazzetta dello Sport reported Sunday that Johan Bruyneel, Armstrong’s team director at Astana, said the pair had asked for a meeting. “The decision will be made down the road, after having talked with the organizers. We have asked for a meeting,” Bruyneel told the Italian newspaper.

Armstrong announced his comeback from a three-year retirement in September and joined the Astana team. Bruyneel trained with Armstrong for all seven Tour de France wins from 1999-2005.

Armstrong has faced years with Tour officials over drug-testing issues, but Tour director Christian Prudhomme has said the Astana team will be allowed to race next year.

Miller finishes second in slalom World Cup event

LEVI, Finland — Bode Miller hadn’t stopped on the podium after a World Cup slalom event since winning in 2004.

On Sunday, Miller was edged by Jean-Baptiste Grange of France in the slalom opener by 0.79 seconds, finishing second in 1 minute, 45.29 seconds on Levi’s Black Course north of the Arctic Circle.

Miller used an aggressive second run to post his best slalom finish since a victory four years ago in Sestriere, Italy.

“It’s been a while, but it’s been a lot of times when I felt good and comfortable but couldn’t put it together in a race,” Miller said. “So it was important today for me to get to the finish line.”

Miller nearly pulled off an American double on the weekend. Lindsey Vonn won the World Cup slalom on Saturday, her first victory in the event.

Johnson wins his third straight Cup championships

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus never slowed down enough to consider what a record-tying third consecutive championship would mean to their team.

Don’t count on them doing it now. After tying Dale Jarrett’s 30-year mark as the only driver with three straight championships, Johnson and his crew chief were already thinking about going after No. 4.

“I could go race another year next week and start the season and go for four,” Johnson said after Sunday’s finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. “It’s on our minds. It’s not that we’re chasing a number, we just know what we’re capable of. We know we can do better. It’s a search to do the best we can.”

Knaus, the first crew chief in series history to win three straight, even offered to report to work Monday.
NFL

Steelers win bizarre game

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — There has never been a game like this in NFL history.

The bizarre 11-10 final score was fitting because the Chargers still have had the regular-season finish they want in Pittsburgh: a winning one.

Ben Roethlisberger stayed away from the mistakes that cost the Steelers their previous two home games, Willie Parker ran for 115 yards and Jeff Reed's third field goal won it — a 32-yarder with 11 seconds remaining — as Pittsburgh called to beat the Chargers on a snowy Sunday.

The first such score in 12,417 NFL games was in jeopardy when Troy Polamalu returned an errant lateral 12 yards for an apparent touchdown on the final play. The play was overturned on review — it was called an illegal forward pass — and the 11-10 final was restored.

After the game, referee Scott Green said the officials realized afterward the touchdown should have counted, though it wouldn't have affected the result.

"It was weird," Steelers receivers Hines Ward said. "We definitely have to work on our offense. But this game is about wins and losses, and we won."

The only thing perfect on a snowy, frigid day when the weather and the defenses were equally awful was San Diego's regular-season record in Pittsburgh. Make it 0-3-1. "I like playing on grass, mud, anything that slows down an offense," said line­backer James Harrison, who made a series of key plays.

Nate Kaeding put San Diego (4-6) up 10-8 with a 22-yard field goal with 6:41 to play, after missing from the 41 in the third quarter with the Steelers (7-3) leading 8-7.

Kaeding's miss came at Heinz Field's open end, where breezes blowing off the nearby three rivers cause tricky kicking conditions.

Reed made his decisive kick at the same end following a 13-play, 73-yard drive in which Roethlisberger was 6­-of-6 for 49 yards.

"I hit that one the best, and I know it right away," Reed said.

The Steelers outgained the Chargers 410-213, and most teams with a 300-yard pass­er, a 115-yard rusher and a 224-yard receiver (Ward) normally have plenty of offense.

But the Steelers couldn't get into the end zone even as Roethlisberger went 31-of-41 for 308 yards against the NFL's worst passing defense, partly because they had 13 penalties for 115 yards to San Diego's two 5 yards.

Also, Rob Wegde Moore was stopped from a foot out on a fourth-and-goal play late in the first quarter.

San Diego squabbled about 45 minutes before the late­afternoon kickoff coated Heinz's grass surface on a breezy, 35-degree day that began with a wind chill of 26.

The only November conditions were a visible reminder of the warm­weather Chargers' struggles in Pittsburgh, where they have never won a regular­season game, although they are 2-0 there in the playoffs.

"I'm not going to say that snow didn't help us. It did," safety Ryan Clark said.

Roethlisberger was not intercepted after being picked off eight times, with only one touchdown pass, in his previous three games, including seven interceptions in successes­ome field loss­es to the Colts (24-201 and Giants (21-14). Still, the Steelers' only scoring drives ended with Reed's field goals on a 12, 21, 41 and 33.

"We've gotten into some close games and we haven't found a way to win. It was important for us to get into a close game and find a way to win," Aaron Smith said after Pittsburgh regained first place in the AFC North.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Robinson out at 'Cuse with dismal record

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Greg Robinson's career as Syracuse coach started poorly and never got bet­ter. When he was fired with two games left in a fourth straight dismal sea­son, even he figured it was coming.

"I don't think it really comes as a surprise to anyone. It doesn't come as a surprise to me," Robinson said at a news conference Sunday. "I ran out of time. I still see improvement. As always, I'm optimistic. I think with more time I could do better. Obviously, I didn't get it done. That's the bottom line. I understand why the decision was made, so I go from there."

Robinson, who will coach the final two games of this season, is 9-36 overall and 3-25 in the Big East in three-plus seasons. He had another year left on a con­tract that pays $1.1 million per season.

He said it was important to him to finish the season.

"I wanted to make sure under no uncertain terms I was the football coach," Robinson said. "I've seen it become chaotic. This will not be chaotic."

Syracuse (2-8, 1-5) lost to Connecticut 39-14 on Saturday night and is try­ing to avoid a third 10-loss campaign under Robinson. The Orange had never reached double-digit losses in a season before Robinson was hired by ath­letic director Daryl Gross in January 2002 to replace Paul Pasqualoni.

"Last week we fell out of bowl contention and this week was senior week. We just thought at this point the community could relax," Gross said, explaining why he waited until Sunday to make a decision.

"It's a guy who wanted to live here the rest of his life. A guy like that you give a chance."

After Syracuse went 2-10 last season, Gross decided to retain Robinson despite calls for change from both alumni and fans. But Gross said he needed to see "tangible improvement" in the program and that never happened.

Syracuse stayed close to Pittsburgh and West Virginia in its first two Big East games this season, but was blown out 42-18 at South Florida on Oct. 18, accumulating 9 yards of offense and no first downs in the second half.

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1:00 pm, 228 Moreau Center

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Spanish Popular Music under the Late Franco Regime (1965-1975) by Prof. Daniel Fatt

12:00-1:00 pm, 114 Moreau Center

French Dinner

4:30-7:30 pm

Modern Languages Recital:

Music and Dance Around the World

7:30pm, Little Theater

Tuesday - November 18

Leadership Lunch/CWIL Colloquium with CWIL Fellow Naida Lehmann: "Restoration of Degraded Habitats in a Multicultural Context" Case Study: Little Corn Island, Nicaragua

12:50-1:00 pm

Student Center Conference Room A & B

German Dinner

5:30-6:30 pm

Passport Photo Day

5:30-6:30 pm

Spanish Language Film

7:30pm, Le Mans

Wednesday - November 19

Chinese summer Program Info Session

4:00-5:00 pm, Student Center Conference Room A & B

Italian Dinner

4:30-7:30 pm

Foreign Language Film

"IV JILP" (German)

7:00 pm, 152 Regina Hall

Thursday - November 20

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Study Abroad Pre-departure Orientation

6:00-8:00 pm, Stapleton Lounge

Foreign Language Film

EL ESPERITU DE LA COLMENA (Spanish)

7:00 pm, Vander Vennet Theater

Friday - November 21

Foreign Language Films

CAMEL (Arabic)

7:00 pm, 152 Regina Hall

THE SOONG SISTERS (Chinese)

7:00 pm, Vander Vennet Theater

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Monday, November 17, 2008

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By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame swept a tri-meet against Cleveland State and Miami (Ohio) Saturday at the Buskey Natatorium. The Irish beat the Vikings 132-109 and defeated the Redhawks 143-100.

In total, the Irish won five of 13 events on the day. Irish junior John Lyttle was the first winner of the day. Lyttle took the 50-yard freestyle by just over one tenth of a second, out-touching Cleveland State's Stephen Grove with a time of 20.83 compared to Grove's 20.94. Lyttle also took first in the 100-freestyle with a time of 45.66.

Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan continued his strong season, earning two first-place finishes just days after being named the Big East swimming and diving athlete of the week. Sullivan dominated the 200-individual medley with a time of 1:55.11, which was nearly two seconds ahead of the next closest finisher. He was equally dominant in the 200-backstroke, taking first place honors with a time of 1:51.15.

Sullivan also swam backstroke on Notre Dame's second-place 400-medley relay, which consisted of Sullivan, Lyttle, senior Daniel Rave, and sophomore Patrick Augustyn.

Irish junior Andrew Hoffman claimed Notre Dame's third-place finish with his performance in the 200-flyfreestyle. Hoffman, with a time of 1:41.89 was about a second and a half faster than that of second-place finisher Chris Gunnels from Miami.

The Irish put forth a strong effort on the diving board, and finished with three of the top five scorers in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Senior Michael Biffin finished in second in the 1-meter and fifth in the 3-meter event.

Sophomores Eric Loxley, Wesley Villifor and Nathan Geary combined for the rest of Notre Dame's top five finishes. Loxley took third in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events while Villifor took fifth in the 1-meter event and Geary took fourth in the 3-meter event.

With the wins, the Irish improved to 3-2 on the season. The Irish are now 22-2 against Cleveland State through four meets.

The Irish return to action when they head to Buskey for the Ohio State Invitational on Dec. 5.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Smyth wins second straight title

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish ran well enough Saturday to run one more race.

Both the men's and women's teams earned at-large bids to the NCAA Championships with fourth-place finishes at the Great Lakes Regional at Purdue University.

"We're very happy to have made the championships, no doubt about it," men's head coach Joe Plane said. "Everything went according to plan."

The top two teams in the region gained automatic entries to nationals, but the Irish had to wait a day and a half to find out if they made it.

Senior Patrick Smyth won the regional for the second straight year, finishing the men's 10-kilometer race in 31:06.

"(Smyth) is one of the best runners in the country," Plane said. He proved that Saturday," Plane said. "I'm very anxious to see how he runs at nationals. Of course we want him to be an All-American again, but I think he can be pretty high in the rankings, too.

Senior Daniel Rave, a four-time All-American (two in track and field, one in cross country) has paced the male Irish for the past two years. Centerfielder Dan Jackson in 25th and senior Daniel Clark in 30th. The men won the meet with 87 points, followed by Michigan with 62 points and Butler with 104 points.

Notre Dame had 124 points. Junior Lindsey Ferguson led the Irish and finished 10th overall in the women's 6k race in 21:29. Ferguson has paced the Irish consistently this season, leading in all but one race.

Sophomore Marissa Tresco came in 14th with a time of 21:40. Senior Heidi Rocha finished 31st in 22:04, with freshman Rachel Velarde right behind her in 34th with a time of 22:06.

Michigan won the women's race with 72 points, Wisconsin in second with 80. Michigan State placed third with 83 points. The Irish totaled 125 points.

Plane said the team will scale back in training this week to prepare for nationals. "You're not going to get in better shape at this point, you'll only injure yourself," he said. "We'll do short things, maybe two workouts this week, then head out on Friday."

This will be Plane's 19th time leading a team to the national championships, and 21st bringing at least one runner.

Indiana State University will host the championships at Nov. 24 in Terre Haute, Ind.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish lose to St. John’s, beat UConn in five sets

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Two days after a close five-set loss to Big East leader St. John’s, the Irish pulled off a nail-biting win of their own, downsing Connecticut 3-2.

Friday night against the Red Storm (21-8, 12-2 Big East), the Irish (14-13, 9-5) received a balanced offensive effort in the 25-17, 18-25, 16-25, 25-19, 16-14 defeat, with four players tallying more than 10 kills. Junior outside hitter Valeria Kovaleva paced the Irish with 14 kills, and senior middle blocker Justine Stremick led the team with a .455 hitting percentage.

After St. John’s won the first set, courtesy of a 10-0 run at one point, the Irish rebounded in the second set with a 9-0 run of their own. Notre Dame held the Red Storm to .029 average in second set, and a .030 hitting percentage in the third.

The Irish took advantage of a strong defensive showing by the Huskies, who averaged a season-high 19 blocks on the night. Stremick led Notre Dame with 10 stuffs. The fourth set was tied 16-16 before St. John’s pulled away to force a fifth game.

In the fifth, the Irish rallied from behind to force a 14-14 tie, but two kills by St. John’s senior outside hitter Christina Kaelin swung the match in favor of the Red Storm.

Kovaleva also had seven aces in the match to pace the Red Storm, who had nine as a team.

The Irish were determined to rebound Sunday afternoon against the Huskies (21-8, 10-4), who came in one spot ahead of Notre Dame in the Big East standings. Notre Dame won the match 26-28, 25-21, 20-25, 25-23, 15-11.

Stremick and freshman Kristen Dey led the Irish to victory over Connecticut, with the duo posting 17 and 16 kills, respectively.

After Connecticut claimed a back-and-forth first game, the Irish responded with a strong defensive showing for the second game, posting five team blocks. Just that heart and that desire to not let anything hit the floor is really important," said Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown.

Dealy led the Irish offensively in the first two games, notching 11 kills for a .500 hitting percentage. "After game two in the locker room, [Kristen] was really the only positive offensive weapon that we had," Brown said. "So we just had to remind them that there was nothing Connecticut was doing that we weren’t able to get some other people involved.

"I think Justine absolutely picked it up in the fourth game, and the difference in the fourth game," Brown said. "And then I think we carried that momentum into the fifth game, so that was really good to see.

But the Huskies jumped out to a 9-5 lead when they took the fifth set, 25-19. Brown said she didn’t really remember exactly what she told the team during that break. "We were just trying to stay calm," she said. "It was a struggle for our team. We were not playing real well and I just tried to stay positive with them and encourage them and just reminded them that there was nothing Connecticut was doing that we weren’t able to get some other people involved.

The Irish bolted out of the timeout and, led by two blocks from Stremick, won 15-7 to take the match.

"We just had this 'Do not let anything hit the ground mentality,'" Stremick said. "We were scrapping. It wasn’t pretty. That’s what separates a good team from a great team.

If you’re in a tight crunch, you need to find a way to win. It doesn’t matter how pretty it is." After the match, Brown said she was happy with the win, "even though our team didn’t play up to potential.

"To win a match and hit 13 percent, that’s some ugly volleyball," she said. The Irish set up a rematch with the Huskies next weekend in the first round of the Big East tournament in Pittsburgh.

Brown said as long as the offense played as well as it could, she was confident the team could beat Connecticut again.

"I think we can obviously make some adjustments with our blocking and defense a little bit," she said. "But I think more than that was our execution, and we just weren’t really efficient.

Stremick said the team expects nothing less than a conference tournament title next weekend.

"Every game that we’ve lost, we’ve been competitive, and I’d say the teams we did lose to in the Big East, we didn’t have our best matches," Stremick said. "I think if we bring our ‘A’ game we can compete against anyone.

Obviously there are some good teams out there and there are going to be some good matches, but I’m excited for it.

Brown echoed Stremick’s sentiments, and said the win was big to give the team momentum going into the conference tournament.

"I think it’s huge, just going into the Big East tournament," Brown said. "We felt good about how we played on Friday, obviously not happy with the loss, but we know that we played really hard and to come back and not play as well but find a way to win is important. We have momentum going into the Big East tournament, and it’s just good to win that. I mean we will not be happy with anything less than that. We’ve got a tough week ahead of us, but we’re excited for the challenge.

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Tournament seeding, which will be released today.

"If we'd won both games during the regular season, we'd have a shot at a top-four (NCAA Tournament) seed," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "At the semfinals and finals of the Big East, you get to host a team. Sandor and the seniors worked very hard all year and it's going to be a thrill to see how they do it." McGraw said.

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"We'd love to go to the Final Four," said McGraw. "At this time of year, you'd love to go to the Final Four. The Final Four is the goal, but to get there we have to win two straight road games to reach the Final Four. Knowing the tournament path that most likely awaits his team, Clark said he figured Friday night's coaching debut was a positive despite the loss.

"I think it's a great first step for us," Clark said. "Hopefully later in the season, we're going to be in more familiar games, and we've got to go and win them. We were close to managing it tonight, but we didn't quite get a hold of it."

The Irish looked good for the Irish early on. Notre Dame had 25 minutes of play, repeatedly winning the ball in midcourt and countering the Spartans with quick breaks and fast breaks. The early pressure nearly resulted in the opening goal to lead 9-7 when senior defender Matt Rezler saw Augustin's shot ricochet off the left post.

The Irish would find the back of the net in the opening minutes later. After shooting forward toward Jeb Brousky fed a ball to the path of fellow junior Bright Dike, who ripped a shot to the right corner of the goal from 15 yards out. The goal was Dike's 12th of the sea-son—tops amongst Big East players.

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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Maggie Gyllenhaal, 31; Trevor Potter, 29; Oksana Baiul, 31; Douglas Forrest, 44; Happy Birthday! You can have one foot in your past and another in your present. But if you are precise and moderate in your actions, you will be able to be both feet in your future. You can do useful and productive work in your own environment. Keep things simple. Your numbers are 3, 9, 14, 21, 24, 30, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't link back to or stay with time AN indispensible link to the future. Just as anyone can be. A new home can be a new home from the past that will offer your earning potential. Keep things small, efficient and within your budget. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Open up your heart and your mind to the people offering you friendship, opportunity and guidance. Pull will lead to realization and a personal feeling that you are on the right track. Short on visits will visit you will in a good - 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): With a little patience and thought you will come up with a money-making idea. A new home can be a new home from the past that will offer your earning potential. Keep things small, efficient and within your budget. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A responsibility you have to someone older will pay off in the future. Look for opportunities and exciting work with someone you live with or care about. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved in activities that take your mind off work and keep you busy and out of trouble. Don't argue with someone (you live with or care about). Children may play a key role in your outlook and attitude. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A location of change and scenery will give you a new outlook and attitude. Some may ask how you can make adjustments to suit your needs. Love is a solid good and an opportunity to find a solid home with someone special is a perfect situation. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't give in to bullying. You have to be so confident in order to succeed. Use your own creative ideas and consider ways that can you change your position by putting some of your plans to work for your 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Things are opening up for you. Ask questions, follow through with your plans and don't forget to take a unique approach. It's following your heart that will make you happy and help you shine in the end. Love will teach you how to make a new special relationship. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let your heart guide you but don't give in to emotions. It's a new relationship or old. now is the time to try your best to change your old relationships. Research about the way you want your living will join you in a new direction. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make the person you care about most realize that much will change in your relationship with you. It's a new relationship or old. now is the time to try your best to change your old relationships. Research about the way you want your living will join you in a new direction. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think about where you want to live like this is about to be a new relationship. How much will change in your relationship with you. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You can be guilty or say you are guilty of being guilty or not so guilty. It's a new relationship or old. now is the time to try your best to change your old relationships. Research about the way you want your living will join you in a new direction. 3 stars

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**HOCKEY**

It takes a shootout, but Notre Dame sweeps Lakers at home

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

No. 9 Notre Dame won its first ever sudden death shootout Friday night and finished a sweep of Lake Superior State with a 5-2 win the next day to extend its winning streak to six games.

"Since we lost to Miami a few weeks ago, we really wanted to bounce back after blowing leads in games," sophomore Calle Ridderwall said. The Irish dropped a pair of games to Miami on Oct. 24 and 25, the last time they were in South Bend, but they haven't lost a game since.

Ridderwall was played a large part in keeping that streak going with the game-winning goal in sudden death Friday night and a goal and two assists on Saturday.

True freshman Billy Maday scored Notre Dame's only goal in the regular shootout, but Irish goalkeeper Jordan Pearce stopped two out of three as well, sending the game to sudden death.

Ridderwall was first to shoot for the Irish. He deked to his backhand, weaved across the crease and flipped a shot over Lake Superior's Brian Mahoney-Wilson.

"I pretty much had the whole move planned out and luckily it worked out. I've been practicing that move for a long time," he said.

Junior wing Nathan Perkovich had a chance to force another round for Lake Superior, but Pearce was up to the challenge and made the save.

"Pearce handled it very well. He made a couple of big saves for us and won the game," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. Pearce had 40 saves when all was said and done, including several big stops late in the game.

"They definitely put a lot of heat on me and had a lot of chances," Pearce said.

Notre Dame pushed the game to overtime on a goal from sophomore Ryan Guentzel with just under 10 minutes left to tie the game 3-3. Guentzel's first goal of the year came on a rebound off of a Justin White shot from the point.

"(That) likely probably generated as many scoring chances as any of our lines tonight because they executed the game plan," Jackson said.

Guentzel's goal came just over a minute after Lake Superior had taken the lead on a shot from senior Josh Site.

Ben Ryan and Christine Minella also added goals for the Irish earlier in the game.

"Minella's playing with a lot of confidence right now. She's big and strong along the walls. He can be an effective player for us," Jackson said. "I'm happy for him, it's good to see it."