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INSIDE COLUMN

Broken Bubble

Since coming to Notre Dame in 2007, I was always content just living inside of the bubble. South Bend, I had always thought, was a somewhat scary place, and an Observer headline announcing the shootings of two students at Club 23 during my freshman orientation weekend seemed to confirm my notions. As such, I was happy to live inside the bubble. As a freshman, I couldn’t imagine anything better than the sweaty, loud parties that we used to host in our cramped dorm rooms. Even better was going off campus, where a party was good as long as there were members of the opposite sex present. It was a simple, naive time.

However, since going abroad, I’ve come to realize that the legal drinking age is 21. While the parameters of the bubble, students are forced to cram like sardines into dorm rooms or venture off campus in the late evening outside his home. A hobby. He said he is sorry and he will stop shooting cannons is a longtime neighborhood conflict.

Cannonball Wednesday afternoon, Cashore captured a stunning 360-degree panorama image that can be seen at gameday.nd.edu

OFFBEAT

Pa. man fires cannon, hits neighbor's house

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — A Pennsylvania history buff who recreates firearms from old wars accidentally fired a 2-pound cannonball through the wall of his neighbor’s home.

State police charged Maser with recklessly endangering, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. No one answered the phone Friday at Maser’s home. He told WPKI-TV reporter that a cannonball "is a long-time hobby. He is a connoisseur of antique firearms. He has joined the other fire departments in the area and has offered to help." We found Tuesday. He was feverish and suffering from pneumonia. Weis, "It was a thrill for me. It feels like I’m part of something bigger."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: Were you expecting the Irish to completely dominate?

Brandon Vo
freshman
Keough
"We were on a roll and I was hoping it would be higher but it was a bust!"

Dan McDonald
senior
Dillon
"Of course I expected it! Go IRISH!"

Brandi Allen
junior
Dillon
"I certainly didn’t expect a shutout! Woohoo!"

Lora O’Shaughnessy
junior
Dillon
"No, but greatness was thrust upon us that beautiful day."

Max Osbon
senior
Dillon
"Giving Weis four years to prepare for the game was like giving Einstein four years to take the SATs."

Tyler Mundragon
freshman
Duncan
"It was my first football game and it was a great way to start off the season."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled "Fritz Scholder, Contemporary Artist: Influences" is currently on display at the Snite Museum of Art and will run until October 18. It is a contemporary Native American artist, and will be speaking on Sept. 13 at 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

A lecture titled "When will we find ET?" will be held at 101 DeBartolo Hall today at 8 p.m. The College of Arts and Letters Dean’s Fellows will host a lecture by Dr. Seth Shostak, senior astronomer in SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute and host of NPR science show "Are We Alone?"

There will be a Dirty/Dusty Book Sale in the Hesburgh Library concourse on Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This sale is open to public.

"King Lear" will be performed by Actors From the Lice Stage at Washington Hall from Sept. 9 to 11. AFTLS visits campus twice a year with a young troupe to bring the works of Shakespeare’s great works to life. Ticket prices vary and the box office open to public.

A film titled "Vanaja" (2006) will be shown on September 11 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in the Browning Cinema at 9:30 p.m. The film follows the 15-year-old daughter of a financially troubled fisherman. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu

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years, never taught a woman and wasn't starting now. He threw her out of the class," Palmer said.

She ended up in the Dean’s office, where she sent her back to class. She was a human ping pong ball for about a week, until she called her brother, who was at Tulane, for advice. He said she needed to stick it out and get the top score on the first quiz and shut him up, which is exactly what she did.

Along with a group of Notre Dame alumnae who wanted to give back to Notre Dame, Palmer, president of the Thanking Fr. Ted Foundation, collected letters from women graduates of Notre Dame and edited them into a book: "Thanking Father Ted: Thirty-Five Years of Notre Dame alumnae who wanted to give back to Notre Dame."

Secretary of the Thanking Fr. Ted Foundation Sheila O'Brien, a member of the class of 1977, said the book is a good way for current Notre Dame women to hear stories about past Notre Dame women.

"Giving back to Notre Dame is something we really want­ed to do," she said. "Giving the book to the first years, it’s fun to tell the story of women at Notre Dame. Women need to hear the stories of other women."

Palmer said she also believes it’s important for current Notre Dame women to hear the stories of the women who preceded them at Notre Dame.

"We realized a few years ago that women on campus today have no idea what it was like to be a coed pioneer. Today, it’s a given that women are accepted on campus, accepted as equals in the classroom, in extra-curricu­lar, in sports," she said. "But, each of these giving has been the result of women groundbreakers. They weren’t handed to us on a sil­ver platter."

Palmer said she owes her degree to Felshe and said she took a lot of criticism for instituting the change to coeducation.

"He was a night owl; would start around noon and work through until the early hours. If you needed to talk to him, he always knew you could find him in his office around 1 a.m.,” she said. "It was very comforting because he always knew what to say to make us feel good and make us feel we could succeed, no matter what the obstacles we were facing."

Along with being education­al, O’Brien said the book is just a fun read.

"There’s a lot of Notre Dame women graduates now and hearing the story is good for all of us and re­telling the story of Notre Dame’s history is good for all of our hearts,” she said. "We’re all part of a great legacy."

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Saint Mary’s first years adjust to life on campus

By ALICIA SMITH

News Writer

After spending a little over two weeks on campus, some Saint Mary’s first year students are starting to find their niches while others struggle with the transition.

"I really like it," first year Cecilia Gatto said. "I feel like there's a lot to offer to get involved in." "I feel like there's a ver­y platter," said. "The campus is beautiful. I just how close knit it is."

However, some first years did have some negative first impressions of the College.

"All through high school, my way to the office recently hired my office recently hired," first year Magan Feasel said.

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necessary to have political success, Boyle said. In fact, it’s possible to get elected without any connections at all.

"I knew almost no one in elected office," he said. "Don’t let that discourage you."

Boyle encouraged aspiring politicians to spend an afternoon knocking on doors. "It’s a great way to draw people, to get all that love the atmosphere." Boyle offered several pieces of advice for students interested in entering politics. Law school and grad school are good ways to prepare for political careers. "Boyle holds a master’s in public policy from Harvard University and a Kennedy School of Government degree.

Unpaid internships are an easy way to get your foot in the door," Boyle said. "I know that my office recently hired someone from his previous volunteer internship.

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Students, including one dressed as the wolf man, lean against the stage while watching the Dillon Pep Rally Friday.

In honor of workers on this Labor Day, and in the tradition of Msgr. George Higgins, the Higgins Labor Studies Program proudly supports this affirmation of the dignity of work signed by many Catholic faculty and community leaders.

-Marty Wolfson, Director of Higgins Labor Studies Program

As Catholic leaders concerned about the pain that workers are experiencing during the present economic crisis in our nation, but especially in our local communities throughout St. Joseph County, we want to affirm the recent Catholic social teaching statements in support of the dignity of workers. Pope Benedict XVI issued his third encyclical this summer, Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth), promoting the Catholic social tradition of tying the dignity of work to the dignity of the human person. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recently addressed the need to support workers in the healthcare industry this summer in their statement, Respecting the Just Rights of Workers. This Labor Day is an important historical moment to reflect on as an expression of our dignity and our involvement in God's creation.

The Holy Father and the U.S. Bishops emphasized four principles related to people's engagement with the economy as part of human development. First, the dignity of work is a fundamental good for humanity. Second, people need to come first by prioritizing labor over capital. Third, people have a right to work together through the right of association. Fourth, people's quality of life depends on receiving a living wage. Pope Benedict stood, "The repeated calls issued within the Church's social doctrine...for the promotion of 'workers' associations that can defend their rights must therefore be honored today even more than in the past."(#25)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. airstrike causes NATO dispute
KABUL,—An airstrike by U.S. fighter jets that appears to have killed Afghan civilians could turn into a major dispute for NATO allies Germany and the United States, as tensions began rising between them Sunday over Germany's role in ordering the attack.

All NATO airstations are just beginning, but both German and U.S. officials already appeared to be trying to defuse blame. German Defense Minister Franz Josef Jung said the Talibain's possession of the two tankers "posed an acute threat to our soldiers," German officials have said the tankers might have been used as suicide bombs.

Philippine passenger ferry capsizes
MANILA, Philippines — Passengers leapt into the dark sea and parents dropped children into life rafts when a ferry carrying nearly 1,000 people capsized in the middle of the night in the southern Philippines.

Nine people died and more than 30 were missing, officials said. Rescue divers found about 400 terrified survivors on the Superferry 9 early Sunday after it turned on its side nine miles (15 kilometers) off Zamboanga del Norte province.

The vessel's violent rotation tossed frightened passengers into the water, many of them jumping in the darkness into the water, coast guard chief Admiral Wilfredo Tamayo said.

REPORTER, Buford Brown said he killed a postal worker and wounded five people at a Los Angeles area Jewish community center in a 1999 shooting spree he says has burned his racist views.

In a letter to a Los Angeles Daily News reporter, Belford O. Furrow Jr. says he regrets the pain he has caused. "I desperately care about what has happened to the people who have been victims of IRA terrorism," he said.

McCue said he was over­joyed at the announcement of diplomatic support, pre­dicting a compensation deal could now be negotiated within weeks.

The foreign affairs spokesman for Britain's opposition Conservatives, William Hague, said Brown should have provided diplo­matic support "as a matter of course, and as a result of public pressure."

McCue argued that his government had previously avoided broaching the issue with the Libyans out of a desire to wean the North African nation away from its sponsorship of terrorism and its pursuit of nuclear weapons. "It is these concerns — security, terrorism, not oil or commercial interests — that have been the domi­nant feature of our relationship," Brown said.

The IRA used those explosives in a number of bomb attacks around the world, including several in London last month that killed 270 people. Brown and other govern­ment officials stressed the need to keep Libya on that route when explaining why they did not press the Libyans for compensation for the IRA attacks. But documents released Sunday — including a letter sent from Middle East minister Bill Rammel to Jonathan Gavesh, a survivor of one of the IRA bombings — sup­port the claim that the government was also keeping Libya's vast oil wealth in mind. "Libya has genuinely become an important inter­national partner for the U.K. on many levels," Rammel said in the letter, dated Nov. 6. In addition to cooperation on terrorism, Rammel noted that "Libya is now a vital partner for the U.K. in guaranteeing a secure energy future for the U.K."

Gavesh told British broad­casters that that passage said it all. "It's because of an oil deal with BP, I really believe that," he told Sky News tele­vision. He was referring to the Employee 800 million exploration agreement the British ener­gy company signed with Libyan Investment Corp. in May 2007. The same month, Britain and Libya signed a memo­randum of understanding that paved the way for Meghrig's release from a Scottish prison.

Four dead in violent La. murder-suicide

HOLDEN, La. — A man shot his estranged wife and two of her children and then killed himself, authorities said.

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GREAT BRITAIN

Britain: No demands for victims

Libya not required to offer compensation for deaths of Britons in IRA bombing

Associated Press

LONDON — Britain made no demands that Libya offer compensation for Britons killed by Libyan terrorism, as tensions mount worldwide, from the Gulf of Alaska to about 75 miles east of Baton Rouge.

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New Smithsonian chief has big ideas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wayne Clough pulls a thumb-sized computer flash drive from his pocket and says, "It is no longer acceptable for us to share only 1 percent of our 137 million specimens and arti­facts," at the Smithsonian's science, research and dean of the gradu­way.".

"All educational offerings, including book publishing, mini-200th graduation rate and encouraged students with researchers at the University of Virginia to build residence halls and laboratories as part of a cultural change debate ... and I...".

"I'm doing the right thing right now," said the 43-year-old former president of the University of Maryland. And he signed a deal with George Mason University in Virginia to build residence halls and laboratories as part of a...".

"It's a game changer really," said Steve Moritz, a longtime staff scientist who is now acting director of the Smithsonian's paleontology and...".

"I want to combine the Smithsonian's resources to become a major voice on the toughest issues of the day. Among his key priorities: climate change, education, and innovation...

"We can help our nation and the world face the grand chal­lenges that he ahead," he told the Smithsonian staff.

"They're big goals. But he's already begun transforming the...".

"It's great to see this in our neighbor­hood."
In Brief

Conn. women buying more guns

WASHINGTON, Conn. — Connecticut residents are arming themselves at quite a clip, with women, in particular, packing heat in growing numbers.

The state issued 7,741 pistol permits from January through May, a 90 percent increase over the same time period in 2008. Nearly 12,000 new permits have been issued so far this year in a state that recently posted one of the lowest gun ownership rates in the U.S., according to a study of 2006 data by the Violence Policy Center, a national gun control advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

Connecticut gun retailers and educators who run pistol safety classes required for pistol permit applicants report a surge in first-time gun purchases, particularly by women, who account for once drew about nine men for every woman are now buying more guns, according to the Connecticut Center, a national gun control advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is addressing one of his key constituencies — organized labor — on Monday as union members gather to celebrate the holiday named for their movement.

As Obama prepares for a critical speech Tuesday in Congress and the nation about his efforts to overhaul health care, a supportive audience at the AFL-CIO’s 2009 Labor Day picnic in Cincinnati should provide welcome relief from the highly charged partisan atmosphere that has enveloped the debate.

Besides addressing health care, Obama will tell the assembled union members for his role in formulating the manufacturing sector.

The White House said Bloom would continue in his position with Geithner but would expand his role to coordinate administration manufacturing policy with the Departments of Commerce, Treasury, Energy and Labor.

"Ron has the knowledge and experience necessary to lead the way in creating the good-paying manufacturing jobs of the future," Obama said in a statement released Sunday night.

Before moving to Treasury, Bloom was a special assistant to the president of the United Steelworkers union. He was a founding partner in the investment banking firm of Kellin and Bloom. Obama plans to address organized labor
If you’ve been following the news for the past few weeks, you’re probably get­
ing tired of hearing about health care reform. Democrats and Republicans have
managed to get much serious debate about this crucially
important issue, instead launching
campaign charges of extortion at each other. The caricu-
tures produced by the leaders of both par-
ties would be laughable if they weren’t handed about with such frequency and
repetition. Republicans accuse Democrats of being socialists interested in
death panels to arbitrarily kill senior citizens, while Democrats counter
that Republicans are un-American fascis-
ts in the pocket of health insurance companies. This nonsensical political cir-
cus obscures the true significance of the health care debate. While health care
reform is an important and consequential matter, Americans are primarily con-
cerned about the rapidly expanding size
and role of government in everyday life.
Talk of “rationing” health care provides an important insight into the fundamental
issues underlying the debate. Conservative politicians are fond of warn-
ing that Democrats’ proposals will ration care, conjuring up the image of imperson­
al, bureaucratic agencies issuing
American’s health care options. There is an element of truth in this claim — a gov-
ernment-run “public option” would natu-
really have to make hard choices about
which forms of medical treatment would be covered and which would be excluded.
What many politicians usually neglect to men­
tion, though, is that all health care is
rationed. All goods, in fact, are rationed — this is a basic truth of economics. Just
as there does not exist an infinite supply
of Lamborghinis or ice cream, an endless
reservoir of health care is not available.

Thus, we must find a way to distribute, or
“ration,” this scarce good. There are two basic means by which to do this.
The one option is to establish a public market, in which the invisible hand
famously identified by Adam Smith works to
distribute goods in the most efficient means
possible. The other is to place all
economic goods in the hands of a single
governing agency and entrust it to use its
presumably superior wisdom to deter-
mine who should have what. This latter
method, of course, is fraught with prob­
lems. America has long favored free mar­
tets over central planning, but in recent
years, the United States have abruptly
and dramatically shifted course, bringing
call formerly private sectors of the econ­
omics under government control and
spending at an astonishing rate.

The past year alone has seen a series of
Wall Street and auto industry bailouts,
culminating in the federal government’s
takeover of General Motors. These expan­
sions of government power were accom­
panied by hundreds of billions of dollars in “stimulus” spending, boosting the total
national debt to well over 11 trillion dol­
ars. Meanwhile, the U.S. is engaged in
two major conflicts in Iraq and
Afghanistan, which combine to produce a
significant drain on the U.S. Treasury. In
this context, Democrats’ proposed health care
reform appears to be less of a radical
shift than a continuation of the present course.

What, then, are we to make of the heated
debate over health care reform? Americans are beginning to become alarmed at
the nonstop expansion of the federal govern­
ment, and they’re worried about the
prospect of lawmakers and bureaucrats in
Washington, D.C., becoming involved in the intimately personal issue of medical
health care. Politicians will do well to note,
however, that the real issue at stake is not merely health care, but the relationship
between U.S. citizens and the govern­
ment. Americans have a long, proud tradi­
tion of individualism. We prize our liber­
ties, and we place great value on the virtues of self-sufficiency and personal
responsibility. That is not to say that
opponents of the Democrats’ health care
reform proposals are unconcerned about
the plight of those unable to afford health care — they simply recognize that govern­
ment expansion into the medical industry
will significantly, and likely irrevocably, expand government while bringing with it
a host of new problems. Yet at a time when Americans are clamoring for a seri­
ous conversation about the size and scope
of the state, politicians in Washington rarely engage in serious debate.

Whether the Democrats’ health care reform efforts succeed or fail, voters will
go to the polls next year with a new per­
pective on politics. After years of bailing
out government under the Bush adminis­
tration and a Republican-controlled Congress, Barack Obama and Democrat legislators promised to usher in a new era of change and responsible leadership.

What Americans have gotten, though, is
more of the same. While Democrats push
to expand government further, GOP lead­
ers who formerly supported the “big-gov­
ernment conservation” of the Bush adminis­
tration now inhabit small-government platitudes. If President Obama and Mem­
ers of Congress are to achieve long-term
political success, they will have to cut out
control spending, move beyond empty
rhetoric and truly embrace Americans’
desire for limited, responsible govern­
ment and individual freedom.

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With Labor Day upon us, many in America have forgotten why they’re off work. But for those of us who work for a living, Labor Day has become a personal piggy bank, the signal of the end of summer. But this holiday signifies something much larger than the simple pleasures of an end-of-summer fried chicken feast.

Labor Day in America was born out of the Pullman Strike, becoming a federal holiday when President Lincoln signed an act in 1894 to make improving labor relations a top domestic priority. President Roosevelt signed a law virtually identical to the one that the powerful political table. Since then, America has witnessed the rise of labor, peaking in the mid-20th century with almost 29 percent of all workers unionized.

But today, when more than 9.5 million votes are counted, the American workforce is still a powerful force. The Employee Free Choice Act, the measure that labor unions have been fighting for, would allow workers to organize without the need for a secret-ballot election. The self-stated goal of most of the town hall protesters is to shut down our elected representatives. In opposition to the Waxman-Markey bill (otherwise known as cap-and-trade), which is still working its way through Congress, U.S. coal industry firms are hiring lobbyists to flood Congress with anti-clean-air propaganda.

Meanwhile, the decision by congressional Republicans to employ the filibuster to require passage of anything other than health care reform—by the 51st year, the filibuster is largely reserved for the insurance industry, which sheltered patients' votes are now needed to pass major legislation, and the situation on the floor of the Senate is now more of a tool of the retrograde Southern bloc as a means of blocking civil rights legislation, even the Democratic caucuses of the 109th and 110th Congresses largely reserved the procedural variances for extreme judicial nominations.

But in the wake of this year’s election, which both candidates had clear and contrasting positions on how they would support their agenda, the result of the 2010 election is a sweeping victory for the Democrats, with 51 senators, 234 House members, and 16 governors. That’s the inference one would seemingly be left with when examining the results, and it’s not a new phenomenon. In the course of this past year that I’ve been writing with some tongue in cheek, I thought it raised an interesting point: are the days (back in 2002 when I was a graduate student) when one could walk into the Library and find a well-stocked periodical room on the first floor and know what’s happening in the world (or think it is on the ninth floor) — Journals and books on political science to one’s heart’s content. Now in the periodical room one finds totally meaningless less journals and on the ninth floor chaos and predominately empty shelves with a few copies of ancient journals that cannot be computerized.

Because of this assumption that everyone has access to all the high-tech electronic cataloguing and online journals (I imagine in the name of cost-cutting). In the process, the Hesburgh Library has become virtualized, just as a place to keep and spend non-academic time in. This is one way to take away an important aspect of a library — namely to encourage people to read. In the course of this past year that I was in South Bend, I went to the library for non-reading purposes and a few more people to sit and write. It is unfortunate that the Library has lost some of its lustre and while the editors seem to endorse making life easier for the students by doing away with exams and research papers, I would suggest that more could be done in balancing the technological age (of all computers) with the traditional age of hands-on materials.

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Class of 2005

Evaluating the power of unions

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is American democracy on the brink of inexorable ruin? That’s the inference one would seemingly be forced to make after listening to not only the rhetoric of the political class, but also some of the relatively mainstream Republican voices.

At a town hall event in California last week, GOP Rep. Wally Heger, R-Calif., boasted that “our democracy has never been threatened as much as it is today” by the specter of health care reform. But many today wonder where labor is going.

UNION VS. LABOR

Asher Smith
Emory University
Emory Wheel

Despite those numbers, Big Labor still exercises incredible influence over modern politics. Democrats have for years considered labor one of their most precious (and most powerful) allies. The Employee Free Choice Act and the political science section

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Do you see two different wires in there? Yeah, so do we. You should get on that.

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Mos Def's Ecstatic, "Wonderfully Strange" Rap

By NICK ANDERSON
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Eminem, T.I., Ludacris, LL Cool J, Ice Cube, Ice-T, Method Man, RZA, and even Snoop Dogg. All rappers turned up, with varying degrees of success, into actors. However, for some unexplained reason, keeps casting rappers in their big-budget movies. These parts have included bit roles in big budget comedies, a supporting actor in Dear Evan, a less than stereotypical street thug and several family fun films. By all accounts, it just doesn't really make sense.

Rare, however, is the rapper-turned-actor who is actually trying to do both without one noticing the other. Mos Def is on that quest. He's don't promote his music with movies, hasn't made a vanity piece this only cameo was in Talladega Nights) and his most critically acclaimed role was in an off-Broadway play.

By all appearances, Def's music has taken an unfortunate back seat to his acting. This would all be a very sad story if it was not for his return to form in "The Ecstatic."

Def never was a typical rapper. His story sounds familiar: born in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, he would have known of the already famous rappers from his neighborhood including The Nortorious B.I.G., Big Daddy Kane and GZA. All three made careers walking the line between glorifying and regretting their new stereotypical "gangsta" lifestyle. Def, never quite fell into that trap. His immense talent was recognized early and he landed a collaboration with De La Soul as well as a role in the short-lived "COSBY Mysteries" (yes, that Cosby). His music took off before his acting and two classic albums, "Mos Def and Talib Kweli are Black Star" and "Black on Both Sides" made a stir in the '90s. Both confronted issues Def was immersed in growing up. Instead of violence, vulgarity, and shock value presented as the force, which often happens in rap, he centered his music and identity on his race, passion, and lifestyle.

"The Ecstatic" is a showcase of Def's talents. His voice offers his strongest point, easily transitioning from rapping on "The Ecstatic" to singing on "Embassy" to acting on "The Cosby Mysteries" with most songs sitting easily on an odd-ball esque flow, both familiar and entirely different. Def's flow could offer some of the smoothest hooks in the industry if only he were to consistently utilize a standard song structure.

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Instead, the verses-chorus formula ditched for a stream-of-thought style dependent on bridges. The results are songs that won't receive much radio play but will embrace the listener in a welcoming strangeness. This car for odd sounds lead to fruitful production work from Muddy, Oh So and the late J Dilla, all of which are brilliant.

Def's music is unique by any standard. After a couple of listens, Def's adopted moniker, The Boogie Man, comes to the forefront. It's mysterious and at times uncomfortable but intriguing and original. In the end, it's a return to form, a turning point after two less-than-stellar albums, a wonderfully strange, sonically diverse and oddly inspiring work of art.

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Down Home Greek Cooking at Alexander's Grill

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With its copious portion sizes, incredibly friendly owner, eager to please, and solid Greek cuisine, Alexander's Grill is an enduring dining experience.

One of few South Bend area restaurants specializing in Greek cuisine, Alexander's offers a menu not only ideally priced for college students but also particularly suited to the tastes of college students. Alexander's is equipped to sample the common specialties of Greece. Alexander's, despite its "Grill," is more akin to an upscale dining in atmosphere, sporting a shiny new interior, two flat screen TVs, decent music, and a steady flow of regular customers. The proprietor, who is actively running the floor taking orders, chatting with diners, warmly greets everyone, and making everyone feel like part of the Alexander family.

Daily specials are on the board, but the full menu is well rounded for American and Greek freshes.

Portions are huge. Also, the pita is a must, come with st.andard Greek dressing (with notably good Greek dressing), fries or Greek potatoes and also the soup of the day, typically a lemon rice soup. These sides could be a gratifying meal in and of themselves, particularly the lightly citrusy and satisfyingly creamy soup.

Appetizer options range from Hummus and fresh Pita to Spanakopita and Dolmas (stuffed grape leaves). There are also the extensive Hot and Cold Appetizer Plate options. The Hot Appetizer Plate came with Tzaziki and Spanakopita, Greek pastries filled with cheese and spinach, respectively. Appealing favorites, these were light but full of flavor. Also included on the Hot Plate was gyro meat, which was served in ample portions and had a somewhat salty, but still quite enjoyable flavor. The final part of the appetizer was homemade pita and gyro sauce, which capped off the dish well. A comprehensive sampling of the menu, this appetizer gets full bang for the eater's buck.

Entrees

The Pastitsio, a Greek lasagna, was not the highlight of the meal but was nevertheless a solid entrée. The consistency was different and got taking to, but in its combination of ground beef, Greek cheese, and lasagna noodles added a unique twist on a traditionally Italian dish.

The Greek Chicken is an entire half of a chicken prepared with lemon and oregano. While exceptionally moist and very well prepared, it was somewhat bland. Also the unknown side of casual Greek cuisine, the gyro sandwich deserves recognition. A piece of pita with sky high with shaved lamb meat and assorted vegetables is a gyro. This is a Greek classic. Salty and bit greasy, the meat is full flavored and a complemented by vegetables and Tzatiki sauce.

Alexander's Grill is by no means a high-end establishment, but a combination of satisfying and enjoyable food with the service from an owner who wants nothing more than to make sure that each and every one of his customers is fully satisfied makes Alexander's Grill and establishment well worth trying. And the best part, with its oversized portions you are ensured to have at least one to go box and filling meals to come.

A short drive or long walk from campus, Alexander's is located on 1841 South Main Avenue. Also Alexander's can be reached by phone at 574-247-1780.

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Four times Michael Floyd caught the ball, and three of those times he scored a touchdown Saturday as the sophomore receiver led the Irish to a 35-0 victory over Nevada.

"It's the first game," Floyd said. "You have to show the nation what kind of team Notre Dame is and how we are going to do everything."

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Irish offense quickly set to showing its vast capabilities to Nevada and its 80,000 fans in attendance. On the team's first third-and-long of the season, a third-and-16 on Nevada's 19-yard line, junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen threaded a pass over a Wolfpack safety to sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph in the back of the end zone. The 12-play, 67-yard drive gave the Irish a 7-0 lead after freshman kicker Nick Tausch converted the first extra point of his college career. "[The touchdown play] was something we had worked on all week...we showed a lot of trust in me," Rudolph said. "I just wanted to go and make a play on the ball, and it worked in our favor."

On Notre Dame's next drive, Clausen connected with sophomore receiver Golden Tate for a gain of 36 yards. Later in the drive, on the first play of the second quarter, Floyd ran a route across the middle, and as he crossed the goal line the receiver pulled in his first touchdown of the day. The 24-yard score capped a 78-yard drive in less than five minutes.

Before Nevada had a chance to respond, the Irish defense followed the offense's lead and showed what it could do. After Tausch's kickoff was downed at the Nevada 31-yard line, junior linebacker Brian Smith recorded his first sack of the season. The 11-yard loss led to a quick three-and-out by the Wolf Pack, giving the ball right back to the potent Irish offense. "Smithy had two sacks relatively early," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "They just change the momentum."

With the ball back in his hands, Clausen found Floyd once again on a quick screen play. Floyd caught the ball at the 38-yard line, and, after a block from Tate, ended the play standing alone in the end zone with Notre Dame an extra point away from a 21-0 lead.

"Those guys are playmakers," Clausen said. "I all have to do is give them the ball and they make plays."

Before the end of the first half, junior running back Armando Allen scored the first rushing touchdown of the year for the Irish. The one-yard jaunt topped off Allen's 47 yards in the first half. The back ended the afternoon with 78 yards on 15 carries.

Nevada received possession to start the second half, but still couldn't find success against the Notre Dame defense. After running back Vai Taua ran 18 yards for a first down, the Irish defense buckled down once more to force a punt. After the ball was downed on the one-yard line, Clausen, Floyd, and company were given the ball again.

With the offense lined up on its own goal line, the offensive line needed to continue its solid performance, not giving up a sack to the game, to prevent any loss of yardage. "I told the guys when we started that drive on the one-yard line that we were going 99 yards for the touchdown," senior center Eric Olsen said. "When I got into the huddle, I said 'Don't make me look bad guys. I just told them we were going 99'."

After Allen rushed for 11 yards on three carries to give the Irish some breathing room, Floyd made Olson look like an oracle. Clausen threw a deep jump ball to the receiver, and Floyd leaped higher than the cornerback covering him to pull the ball in at the Notre Dame 40-yard line. With only his man to beat, Floyd broke a tackle over the Wolf Pack player and cruised final 60 yards to the end zone and a 35-0 Irish lead.

"When you're one-on-one and it's a receiver and defensive back, obviously they made the plays and we didn't," Nevada coach Chris Ault said. "Somebody's got to make a play, and they seem to make them every time."

The 88-yard touchdown is the third-longest score through the air in Notre Dame football history.

After completing his hat trick on only four catches, Floyd ended the day with 189 of Clausen's 315 passing yards. "You want to terrorize every time you get the ball, but there are some plays that are not seen as going for the whole thing," Floyd said. "You just try as hard as you can."

The four-touchdown day by Clausen was only the second of his career, the first being the five-touchdown game the quarterback had in the Hawaii Bowl in December. "We have set a standard," the quarterback said. "Since losing 38-3 to USC last November, Coach Weis talked to the whole team, and we were going to take a step forward and never look back. We did that in Hawaii, and obviously out there again today."

In meeting that standard Saturday, the Irish defense recorded its first shutout in Weis' tenure, while the offense never turned the ball over, and Clausen only had three incompletions among 18 attempts. Notre Dame will look to continue to surpass that standard next week when it travels to Michigan to play in the 106,000-seat Big House. "The big win feels good, but I'm already thinking about Michigan," Olsen said. "We did a great job all around on every facet of the game, but our work's not done yet."

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Sports Writer

Irish sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd races down the sideline for an 88-yard touchdown in Saturday's 35-0 romp over Nevada. Floyd had four receptions for 189 yards and three touchdowns in the game, the first Notre Dame shutout since 2002.

player of the game
Michael Floyd
Irish wide receiver

stat of the game
303.67
Jimmy Clausen's NCAA high passer rating after completing 15 of 18 passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns.

play of the game
Clausen to Floyd (pt. III) 88-yd touchdown

The final acrobatic score was the third longest pass play in school history.

quote of the game
"I was right on it and I was just so happy, it was one of the happiest times of my life."
Kapron Lewis-Moore
Irish defender on his fumble recovery
report card

quarterback: Clausen was almost per­
fect, and even the incompletions
weren't off by much. As a junior he
looks in total control of the offense
and has a better pocket presence.

running back: The Irish rushed for 178
yards, with Allen leading the way. Jonas
Gray had a solid showing as the second
option and James Aldridge looked good
in his new role before leaving the game.

receivers: Michael Floyd was dominant, put­
ing up video game statistics and averaging
47 yards per catch. Golden Tate and Kyle
Robust also added a few nice gains and
Duval Kamara looks healthy after surgery.

offensive line: The line gave Clausen
every day to throw and didn't give up a
sack. Still even for improvement in the
running game, but 4.3 yards per
carry is nothing to complain about.

defensive line: Kagon Lewis-Moore
had a big fumble recovery, but no
sacks for any defensive lineman
despite consistent pressure.

head coach: Brian and Terry Ryan both
had big games getting after the
quarterback. Manti Te'o shined in his
debut, and Darrius Fleming was also able
to apply consistent pressure.

defensive back: Kyle McCarthy and
Robert Blanton had interceptions
and the Wolf Pack passed for just 154 yards.
Harrison Smith looked very comfortable
back at safety.

special team: Nick Tausch converted his
extra points and had good hang time on
his kickoffs. Freshman Theo Riddick
looked quick on his kickoff return, and
Eric Maust put two punts inside the 20.

coaching: The offense scored on five of
the first six possessions. The blitzing
defense kept the Wolf Pack from estab­
lishing a rhythm and stopped up
against every threat for the situations.

overall: The best opening game
of the Weis era, nothing the
first Irish shutout since 2002
and firing on
all cylinders on
counter.

add up
the numbers

The number of Irish players making their first
game appearances against Nevada, including
seven freshmen.

3 Times Nevada has been shut out in coach Chris
Ault's 25 year coaching career with the Wolf
Pack.

8.36 Yards the Notre Dame offense
averaged per play, the highest game
total of the Weis era.

88 The number of yards in the completion from
Jimmy Clausen to Michael Floyd in the third
quarter, the third longest pass in Notre Dame
history.

24 The number of consecutive times Notre
Dame has beaten Navy either on the road or
at a neutral site, a streak that dates to 1960.

7 Seasons since the last Notre Dame shutout, a
42-0 victory over Rutgers in 2002.

189 Receiving yards for Michael Floyd,
the most for an Irish player since
Samardzija in 2005.

4 Jimmy Clausen's rank among Notre Dame's
career touchdown leaders after adding four
scores on Saturday.

Game shows BCS potential

As the clock wound down on Notre Dame's dominant season­
opening win over Nevada, Irish Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick
could be seen mulling on the
sidelines with Orange Bowl representa­
tives, clad in
distinct orange blazers. 

H o p e f u l l y Swarbrick will be
hearing from them, or
another BCS
bowl, later this season.

The mere fact that the Orange Bowl
represented
necessitated to send representatives
to this game says a lot about the
state of the Notre Dame program,
and the Irish certainly didn't
disappoint.

"Overall, I thought the operation,
especially in the first half how
everything went, it went pretty
much like clockwork," Irish coach
Charlie Weis said.

Clockwork, indeed. The Irish did
Saturday what a good team - a
team with legitimate BCS aspira­
tions - should do in their opening
game. They went up against a less
talented team and walked away
with a business-like victory.

Florida beat Charleston Southern 62-3, Texas downed
Louisiana-Monroe 39-20 and USC
beat San Jose State 56-3. The
Irish want to prove they belong in
that mix of teams, and they cer­
tainly took a step in doing so
Saturday.

"How do you keep momentum
rolling from a game that was so
long ago?" Weis said, referring to
Notre Dame's big Hawaii Bowl win
in December. "And a lot of it has
to do with hunger. You know,
these guys are hungry.

For the first time in way too
long, Notre Dame didn't play down
to its competition. The theme of
2008 seemed to be that no matter
how bad the opponent was, the
Irish always played poorly enough
to make it a game. San Diego
State and Nevada saw a
prominently to mind.

The thing is, the Irish could have
struggled slightly on Saturday and no one
would have been the
least bit surprised.

But the Irish had three guys in the backfield
before you could say "Kaepernick." Now, one
game does not a whole season make. It's
easy to play with poise when you
score on five of your
first six possess­
sions. It will be interesting to see
how this newfound
strut changes when the
Irish find themselves
trailing. A
trip to the Big
House could be a better litmus
test for this team.

"It was just a good start," Weis
said. "That's what today was, it's
a good start." A
good start towards, hopefully,
seeing those guys in orange blazers
again soon.

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For more matchups and pregame analysis, check out the Irish Insider podcast
at ndsmcoobserver.com/podcasts
as writers Sam Werner, Michael Bryan, and Matt Gambr walk up the game against Nevada.

Junior Armando Allen (5), Brian Smith (58) and Golden Tate (23) celebrate with the Irish team in front of the
student section Saturday after the 35-0 victory over Nevada, the fourth opening game win in the last five years.
Defensive gameplan stifles Nevada

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Saturday's was the kind of dominant defensive effort Irish fans haven't seen in a long time — since 2002, Ty Willingham's first year at Notre Dame, in fact.

Nevada's vaunted Pistol offense surely didn't live up to the hype, and the Irish defense surely didn't live up to the hype, and didn't play his best game weapons, and the Irish defense definitely had a lot to do with that.

On Nevada's first possession, Notre Dame allowed the Wolf Pack to move the ball downfield with three straight plays of 10-plus yards. But junior linebacker Brian Smith's takedown of Tenuta and Corwin Brown had the Irish defense obviously well-prepared for Nevada's unique offense and the Wolf Pack's multitude of rushing weapons, and any play Nevada's vaunted Pack's offense might have run was too little and too late.

"Being a defensive guy, [a shutout] is something you shoot for." — Kyle McCarthy

"We were up 21-0 midway through the second quarter. "Obviously, it feels good to put up a shutout on defense. Being a defensive guy, it's something you shoot for." senior safety Kyle McCarthy said. "We're happy with how we played today."

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As Wein suggested, there is likely room for improvement, both in terms of tackling fundamentals and stopping the inside run more consistently. But considering the Irish are less than two years removed from having to return to a back-to-basics training camp mentality a few games into the 2007 season, one has to be pleased with the defense's progress.

All three defensive position units — the defensive line, linebackers and defensive backs — made at least one big play. Sophomore defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore recovered a fumble, linebackers Brian Smith and junior Torey Smith each recorded a sack and McCarthy and sophomore corner Robert Blanton each intercepted a Kaepernick pass.

Notre Dame's defense combines talented youngsters with seasoned veterans, and the Irish appeared to have a newfound confidence and swagger, celebrating big plays and engaging the crowd in key situations.

"Guys out there getting rowdy, not just offensive guys with offensive guys, defense with the defense. But the team collectively. We had each other's backs," junior linebacker Brian Smith said. "Whenever the offense was in a bad situation, the defense put us in a good situation. We kind of fed off of each other today."

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Eighteen players took the field as Notre Dame football players for the first time Saturday, and that tally includes seven true freshmen.

“That's a lot of guys to be getting their first mop of football,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday. “I thought the team as a whole, shown by the number of mental mistakes not being very high and the number of penalties not being very high, I think that the team played with pretty good poise, especially the fact that you're throwing in so many new guys as two possessions combined, and the line the Wolf Pack started their fourth possession, the

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18 players make Irish debuts in victory

By MATT GAMBER
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Notre Dame 7, Nevada 0
Kyle Rudolph 19-yd pass from Jimmy Clausen (kick) (Tausch kick) 1:36 remaining. Drive: 12 plays, 67 yards, 6:18 elapsed.

Second quarter
Notre Dame 14, Nevada 0
Michael Floyd 24-yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick) 11:42 remaining. Drive: 2 plays, 79 yards, 0:49 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, Nevada 0
Floyd 10-yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick) with 11:42 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 68 yards, 3:45 elapsed.

Notre Dame 28, Nevada 0
Armando Allen 1-yd run (Tausch kick) with 1:48 remaining. Drive: 6 plays, 69 yards, 3:45 elapsed.

Third quarter
Notre Dame 35, Nevada 0
Floyd 48-yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick) with 16:12 remaining. Drive: 4 plays, 99 yards, 1:58 elapsed.

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"It wasn't hard to keep my head about me, I was more nervous than anything," Moore said. "Going out on the field for the first time in about two years, since high school, was just a great feeling. I felt like I settled down after the first couple of plays."*

Other notable debuts included freshman linebacker Manti Te'o (2 tackles), freshman kicker Nick Tausch (3-for-5 on extra points), freshman running back Theo Riddick (5 carries, 20 yards), sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist (2-for-2 passing) and sophomore wide receiver Daone Walker (1 reception, 15 yards).

More on openers

The debut of ten true freshmen players as Notre Dame first in an opener since Aug. 31, 2002, when the Irish topped Maryland, 22-0, on the road. Notre Dame's last season-opening shutout at home took place on Sept. 22, 1973, in a 44-0 thrashing of Northwestern.

Notre Dame scored first in its opener for the first time in eight seasons, since high school, was just a great feeling. I felt like I settled down after the first couple of plays."

Notre Dame's defense scored first in its opener for the first time in eight seasons, with the last time coming in that 2002 victory over the Terrapins.

The 28-0 Irish halftime lead was their biggest in a season opener since Notre Dame led 33-0 over Virginia in 1989.

Jimmie's Day

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen's quarterback rating of 303.67 set a Notre Dame Weis era record, as the junior surpassed his Hawaii Bowl mark of 277.63. It was his second straight game completing at least 90 percent of his passes, and the contest marked the third such game of Clausen's Irish career.

Clausen's third touchdown, on which he connected with sophomore receiver Michael Floyd on a 70-yard screen pass, helped him pass Jarious Jackson (1996-99) for fourth on the all-time touchdown pass list at Notre Dame. That pass was the longest of Clausen's year — until his 81-yard strike to Floyd in the third quarter.

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Time to exhale

It was like Hawaii all over again for the Irish offense, as Jimmy Clausen and the passing game continued their dominance over WAC defenses with 314 yards and four scores. Michael Floyd tore up the Nevada secondary to the tune of 189 yards, the highest total in the nation after one week. The offensive line gave Clausen time in the pocket and did not give up a sack, and Armando Allen led the running game to over 170 yards. Nevada’s vaunted pistol offense was stifled the entire game by a blazing attack led by the Smith linebackers — Brian and Toryan. Manti Te’o made his highly anticipated debut and appears poised to live up to the lofty expectations set for him as a freshman. Fifth year senior and captain Kyle McCarthy led the team in tackles and had a key interception for his unit to preserve the shutout.
Coastal Clash, video games has a new king – Electronic Arts’. For ten years, in the year 2142, now, the well-established, ten-year reign of "Battlefield Heroes" has ended. "Battlefield 1942," a sequel, and this series caters to casual gamer with their head in the sand. The game makes an effort to reach a broad audience. The game is free, you get much more than the cost of admission. The outfits purchasable with these Points are different color combinations of standard garb. The outfits are for real money as well. The outfits purchased with these micropayments of real money. There is an ever-expanding variety of unique abilities. The soldier specializes on heavy weaponry, and the commando is the sniper and assassin. The game makes an effort to engage urban combat in. Victory Village is set in a quaint Germanic town, complete with narrow alleys and rooftops to engage in urban combat. The game isn’t perfect, but since the game is free, you get much more than you’re paying for. It has some glitches, and the character is a soldier of the Royal nation ("bad guys"). When capturing check points, your team’s flag goes up, as you dramatically raise your flag up the flagpole – light blue and a gold crown for the Royals, dark red and a big black skull for the Nationals. Explosions from sticky dynamite, tank shells, or grenades send you comically flying into the air. Characters casually sit on the wings of planes, and if it turns out their pilot hasn’t exactly gotten his wings at Online FPS Air Flight School, you can just jump right off and you’re covered, thanks to an always-ready parachute. And the best part is it’s free.

Imogen Heap’s voice, tone and lyrical masterpieces are what put her on the map as a talented and unique artist. After a four-year hiatus with the release of her second album, "Speak for Yourself," the British singer-songwriter has graced the stages of music charts yet again, taking the 5th spot on Billboard top 200. Heap’s new album "Ellipse" gained Heap her highest chart position ever. This comes as no surprise with her innovative approach to her old sound. "Ellipse" was completed in Heap’s hometown of Essex, England, where she composed the entire album in her studio basement. The name references the oddly shaped structure of her house where she spent most of her time composing and writing. Heap took advantage of simple sound and common household distractions such as floorboard creaks, birds chirping and kitchen commotion which aided her in blending all of her ideas together to form what later turned into "Ellipse." Heap’s new album is loaded with new unconventional melodies and contemporary orchestral influences that capture listener’s attention immediately. Her voice and unique lyrics tell amazing stories, “Train Ride Home” and "Canvass" are only a couple of the newest songs she has debuted on this album that showcases her unbelievable charisma and talent. Her artistic approach to every song makes her so intriguing and attracting to listeners.

Every song on this album has a catchy chorus and distinct lyrics that force the listener to continue listening. “Tidal” is one of the thirteen songs on this album that really stands out with its natural and mellow tone. The simplicity and easy rhythm that has become Heap’s style comes across in several of her songs. Every aspect of this album is easy and relaxing to listen to and ideal to enjoy during these long nights of homework.

Heap’s voice is absolutely hypnotizing and irresistible. She combines her streaming piano sessions and electronic additions to create new and exciting music that transcends gender and drama. Electronic synthesizers plus a voice that echoes pure poetry combine as two ingredients that are guaranteed to give extraordinary performance. However, Heap’s execution of “Earth” on the album seems to be a bit out of place and out of character for Heap. It has a pattern of sweet and light pieces but with “Earth” sounding more repetitive and irritating it does a poor job at flowing with the rest of her collection. Heap’s witty and humorous conversation throughout the rest of her songs makes her work relatable and effortless for the public to listen to. With her ingenious instrument usage and ideas she is able to reach a broad audience through her energetic and breathtaking performances on and off the stage.

Her progression from her first two studio albums, "Ultra" and "Speak for Yourself" is extraordinary. "Ellipse" stands out as more contemporary and cutting edge with songs like "Little Bird" and "Between Sheets," both of these pieces being very imaginative and creative. Heap has had several appearances on TV shows including Letterman and has lent her voice to several soundtracks including "The O.C." "American Psycho," and "Heroes." Her soft but powerful voice is contagious and her newest CD offers fans new material that is both mature and well-versed. Heap has said that her album cycles are three to five years and hopes to get started on her next album, which will include new tracks and a new electronic sound. Everything from her hair to her shoes is different and edgy, and whatever she has multicolored dresses on or feathers and flowers in her hair, her music will always shine every aspect of her image.
Ichiyo gets 200th hit in Mariners 5-2 victory

Pelfrey consistent from the mound for Mets; Brewers and Giants battle it out in 12 innings

Associated Press

**OAKLAND, Calif. — Scott Hairston took advantage of a second chance, took and homered against the second pitch.

Ichiro's 2,000th hit was overshadowed by the go-ahead grand slam Harington hit that overshadowed his own record.

Suzuki reached the milestone in the fifth inning against Gio Gonzalez (5-5), who went a career-high seven innings, allowing two runs on six hits.

"I was very close to what he did," Gonzalez said. "He's the first batter, I tried to go inside and he got a leadoff hit. He did his job and I congratulated him."  

Harington popped up with the bases loaded in the fifth inning against Seattle starter Doug Fister. When he found himself in the same situation in the seventh inning, he smoked a three-run shot.

"It was strange, but the ball jumps off his bat," Jafet Richardson of a hit.

Jose Lopez and Adrian Beltre drove in four runs to lead the Mariners, who had won nine of their previous 13 and eight of their last 11.


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Mike Pelfrey

New York Mets

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"From here on out I think

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from Mike," Manuel said.

Murphy hit a solo homer and

Wilson hit a sacrifice fly for the

big right-hander retired his

last 35 batters to limit the
damage.

"You've got to pitch around

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shortstop Andres Blanco could tag him Sunday.

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"He was tremendous. He was

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single pitch for strikes," Rodriguez said. "He was the Mike Pelfrey that everybody was hoping to see."  

After Soto's RBI double with nobody on, Rodriguez retired the first two batters before nailing Scott Kelley (4-2) with a 95 mph fastball.

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Bradford sidelined in Sooners loss

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Before the season started, Oklahoma's offensive coordinator talked about preparing the Sooners to deal with an injury to Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford.

The worst case scenario became reality Saturday night and the result was a season-opening 14-13 upset at the hands of BYU.

Now, with no timetable for his star quarterback's return, the Sooners are looking for Plan C — or at least a revised Plan B.

"Whether he is here or is not here for this week and the weeks to come, we're sitting right here at 0-1 and we've got to buckle up and get moving in a quick direction and a positive direction," offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson said Sunday.

Oklahoma's medical staff was still taking a look at treatment options for Bradford on Sunday. The injury to Bradford's right, throwing shoulder has been called a sprained AC joint.

Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter missed two games last season and played as a reserve three weeks after injuring the joint.

Wilson said a similar process is ongoing for second-team All-America tight end Jermaine Gresham, who has cartilage damage in his right knee and didn't play against BYU.

"Those are not just necessary for our team, but those are two tremendous players that have great futures. We want to make sure their best interest is taken into consideration with what's being done," Wilson said.

"There's no rush. There's no judgment.

Only four days before he was hurt, Bradford described how he'd taken out an insurance policy after he decided to pass up the chance to be a first-round pick in this year's NFL draft and instead pursue a national championship at Oklahoma.

The Sooners have no such policy, but they have been able to adjust and we do have a bunch of good players here that will rally and pick it up."

IN BRIEF

T exas' CB Robinson makes a g reat a greement

HOUSTON — Dunta Robinson and the Houston Texans were moving ahead Sunday after the starcornerback ended his holdout and signed the one-year deal the team had been offering all along.

"I feel like being a rookie all over again," Robinson said. "I walked in here and all the guys welcomed me with open arms with a lot of high fives and a lot of hugs. It's good to be back."

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"I'm fine with it. I understand the business and I understand what he went through. I understand all that. That's over. It's time to go play football."

Mariners' Suzuki notches 2,000th career hit

OAKLAND — Ichiro Suzuki took Gion Gonzales's first offering for a ball. He drilled the second pitch down the right field line for a double and his 2,000th career hit.

The Mariners' outfielder, who accumulated 1,278 hits in Japan, became the second fastest to 2,000 hits, recording it in his 1,402 major-league game. Al Simmons did it in game 1,390.

Even before the ball fell in front of the Seattle bullpen, fans stood to cheer the Japanese baseball icon, who led off a game with a hit for the 436th time.

"The game is international and even though there were players from Japan before him, he's the one you think about first," As manager Bob Geren said following Saturday night's win over the Mariners. "He's big over there and he's made our game bigger here. There's a big turnout wherever he goes and that's good for the game."

Oregon RB Blount makes apology to Boise St.

PORTLAND — Oregon running back LeGarrette Blount called Boise State defensive end Byron Hout and coach Chris Petersen to apologize for the punch he threw following Thursday's game between the two teams.

Blount and Ducks coach Chip Kelly made the conciliatory phone call on Saturday. A spokesman for Oregon confirmed it took place, but would not discuss what was said.

Blount punched Hout in the jaw following the 16th-ranked Ducks' 19-8 loss to the 14th-ranked Broncos on Thursday night. Hout was knocked to his knees.

On Friday, Kelly suspended Blount for the rest of the season, effectively ending his career at Oregon. Blount will remain on scholarship and be allowed to practice with the team, but will not play in games or a bowl.

Brady Klopston

around the dial

NCAA Men's Soccer NCAA Division 1 Preseason Poll

team
1. Maryland
2. North Carolina
3. Wake Forest
4. Akron
5. St. John's
6. Creighton
7. Indiana
8. California
9. Northwestern
10. UIC
11. South Florida
12. Connecticut
13. NOTRE DAME
14. Florida St.
15. UC Irvine
16. Seton Hall
17. Dartmouth
18. Lehigh (N.)
19. Ohio State
20. Michigan St.
21. St. Louis
22. Michigan
23. Duke
24. Boston U.
25. Louisville

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford reaches for his shoulder after being hit by Brigham Young linebacker Coby Clawson in the closing seconds of the first half. Bradford did not return as BYU went on to win by a score of 14-13.

NCAA Women's Soccer NCAA Division 1 Rankings

team
1. North Carolina
2. NOTRE DAME
3. Portland
4. Stanford
5. Florida St.
6. Florida
7. West Virginia
8. Virginia
9. UCLA
10. Texas A&M
11. Illinois
12. San Diego
13. Penn St.
14. Pittsburg
15. Colorado
16. Boston College
17. Wake Forest
18. Georgia
19. Arizona
20. Oklahoma St.
21. Utah
22. Santa Clara
23. Missouri
24. Duke
25. St. John's

NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Division 1 Coaches Poll

team
1. Penn St.
2. Texas
3. UCLA
4. Hawaii
5. Florida
6. Nebraska
7. Michigan
8. Arkansas
9. UCLA
10. California

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Seymour traded to Raiders

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ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders took a big step toward improving their struggling run defense by acquiring first-round pick Richard Seymour, a two-time defensive lineman Richard Seymour from the New England Patriots on Sunday.

The move does not come without risks as the Raiders gave up a first-round pick in 2011, which could be in the top 10 based on recent history, to acquire a lineman who took over the starting left tackle in the final year of a contract paying him $3.7 million this season.

Seymour, a two-time Pro Bowl defensive end, immediately helped for a defense that has struggled in recent seasons. Since going to the Super Bowl following the 2002 season, Oakland has had the worst run defense in the NFL, allowing 141.7 yards per game through the first four games, and 122 touchdowns rushing. The Raiders have allowed 1.9 yards in more than half of their games the past three years.

"It's a commitment of this organization," defensive end Gaines Adams said. "At the end of the ante we're going to have a great, great season this year. But the commitment is definitely there so players don't have to question what they're making these kinds of moves to do something happen and hopefully win right now.

Seymour has been a stalwart in New England since drafted sixth overall in 2001. He played on three Super Bowl winners with the Patriots, recording 39 career sacks and being selected to the Pro Bowl for five straight seasons beginning in 2002.

"From nearly the day he arrived in 2001, Richard Seymour established himself as one of our premier players nearly a decade," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Sunday. "His presence has been felt as a force on the field, a respected man off it and a multyear pro athlete.

"The move is only the latest as the Patriots continue to get younger on defense. Linebacker Mike Vrabel was traded to Kansas City in the off-season, safety Rodney Harrison retired, and more recently Toby Bruschi officially called it a career after 13 seasons. Seymour was the last member of the 2001 Super Bowl championship defense still with New England.

Earlier this summer, Oakland sent two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Derrick Burgess to New England for a pair of mid-round draft picks. The Patriots also acquired receiver Randy Moss from Oakland in 2007 for a fourth-round pick, and the teams have swapped draft picks in recent years.

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As an organization, we feel the trade with Oakland brings sufficient value and is in the long-term interest of the club," he added. "We are extremely grateful for the huge impact Richard's elite level of performance had on our success and we wish him the very best during the rest of his career."

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Merriman accused of choking girlfriend

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers star outside linebacker Shawne Merriman was arrested Sunday for suspicion of choking and restraining his girlfriend, reality TV star Tila Tequila, before she tried to leave his suburban home.

Tequila, 27, signed a citizen's arrest warrant, charging Merriman with battery and false imprisonment, San Diego County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Steadman said.

Deputies responded about 3:45 a.m. to Merriman's house in Poway, north of San Diego, after a woman called to say she was choked by the player and thrown to the ground when she tried to leave the house, he said.

The player, who was identified as Richard Merriman, said he released her on his own recognizance.

Tequila was taken to a hospital. Her condition was not immediately available.

Caldwell said deputies determined Tequila had been drinking. She said she wasn't sure about Merriman's teammates were there.

Tequila, whose real name is Tila Nguyen, is best known for "A Shot At Love with Tila Tequila," which run for two seasons on MTV. The bisexual dating show featured men and women vying for Tequila's affections.

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Clisjters knocks No. 3 Venus Williams out of U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Well, she sure answered that question.

Anyone wondering how seri­ous a threat Kim Clijsters might be to the U.S. Open after a two-year layoff got their answer Sunday, when the 2005 champion at Flushing Meadows toppled none other than No. 3 Venus Williams, 6-0, 0-6, 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Moving well, stinging shots with both forehand and back­hand and matching every bit of Williams' power, the Belgian star offered a startling refer­endum on the state of her game.

It may have also said some­thing about the true state of Williams' left knee, which she hurt in the opening round, but had refused throughout the tournament to use as an excuse.

"It was unbelievable. I don't know what to say," Clijsters said of the 6-0 first set, "I mean, it's something that's really important for myself, as long as I can focus on tennis and have fun on the outside as well.

Clisjters retired in 2007 to start a family and hadn't seen Grand Slam action since that year, but is quickly re-establish­­ing herself as one of the few who can move well enough and hit hard enough to hang with the Williams sisters.

Mother of an 18-month-old daughter, Jada, Clijsters is try­ing to join Margaret Court and Evonne Goolagong as the third mother to win a Grand Slam singles title.

Who said motherhood and top­flight tennis can't mix?

"We have help, so that's great," Clijsters said. "It's fun. To her, it doesn't matter whether I win or lose. She's just happy to see me and that's great.

"She came into the U.S. Open without enough tourna­ments under her belt to be matching, and now she finds herself two wins away from becoming the first unseeded player to reach the finals of the Open since Chris Evert in 1974."

"It was really glad coming back that a few of the girls who were there when I was playing well are still on top," Clijsters said. "It's great to see some of the newcomers doing well, too. It's fun for me to be part of the change the sport is going through."

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Belles drop pair of tournament contests

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's suffered its first two setbacks of the season at Centre College's Tournament in Danville, Ky., falling 3-0 to the hosts Saturday and 4-0 to Transylvania University Sunday.

The Saint Mary's soccer team (1-2-0) suffered their first loss this season at Centre College (2-0), and on Sunday dropped the tournament finale against Transylvania University (2-1). Centre College (2-0) scored its first goal when freshman Ashley Crabbe said before the game.

"Duffy has a tremendous competitive spirit," Belles coach Ryan Duffy said before the game. "She has spent many extra hours on her own in order to get better at her position. Having a full season in 2008 and the number of minutes she played should translate into an advantage for her coming into the 2009 season that she did not have last year."

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The Belles were dominated on offense in the NCAA tournament last season, when the Colonels registered themselves as a tough opponent for the Belles.

The Belles were again shut out in their final game of the NCAA Division II Tournament by a score of 4-0.

Saint Mary's was down early and were not able to recover after Transylvania freshman Ashley Crabbe scored her second goal in as many games.

The Belles also relinquished a goal to Katie Kelly that was her second of the tournament but put Transylvania up 4-0, which ended up being the final tally.

Katie also had an assist on another goal when Sammi Migliozzi scored, also chipping in for a goal for Transylvania was Kari Dailey who tallied her first goal of the season off a corner kick from Kate McKevit.

Despite the Belles being out-shot 23-8 the Belles coach still has strong hopes for his team. "I am looking for a good competitive attitude from all of our players, regardless of their role on the field," Crabbe said before the game. "I am looking for a good competitive attitude from all of our players, regardless of their role on the field," Crabbe said before the game.

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The Belles will next return home to host their own tournament and will play No. 7 Otterbein College to open the tournament on Friday at 4 p.m.

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MLB
Norris comes back for a win

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rookie Bud Norris regrouped like a seasoned veteran after giving up Jimmy Rollins' leadoff homer Sunday.

The 24-year-old right-hander struck out six in six efficient innings for his first win in a month and Carlos Lee had a two-run single in the Houston Astros' 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Norris (4-3) allowed two runs and six hits to snap a personal three-game losing streak and earn his first victory since Aug. 12 at Florida. He had been hit hard since becoming the first rookie in Astros history to win his first three starts.

"They let you know where you stand a little bit," Norris said of his last three outings. "You kind of gather yourself, get back to the basics, just keep going at it and that's exactly what I did."

Michael Bourn stole two bases and scored twice for the Astros. Lance Berkman and Miguel Tejada each drove in a run, and Jose Valverde pitched a scoreless ninth for his 21st save in 25 chances.

"The Astros, out of the NL playoff race, have won seven of their last eight home games."

"They keep playing all the time, they don't quit," manager Cecil Cooper said. "They play hard all the time."

Jimmy Rollins, Ben Francisco and Jayson Werth homered for the Phillies. Cole Hamels (8-9) gave up four runs and eight hits over six innings to lose for the fourth time in seven starts.

Rollins drove Norris' fourth pitch into the Astros' bullpen for his fourth leadoff homer of the season and No. 32 for his career. Norris then struck out two of the next four batters.

"The first batter of the game is always a question mark," Norris said. "But I came back and the rest of the game, I pitched really well."

Hamels extended his scoreless streak to a career-best 21 innings before the first run allowed by Hamels since Aug. 21.

The Phillies traded Bourn to the Astros in November 2007 as part of the Brad Lidge deal and are familiar with his abilities in the leadoff spot.

"With the type of speed he has, I think there's a reason he's been such a huge threat and a big player for their team," Hamels said.

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Junior forward Erica lantorno breaks away from Wisconsin-Milwaukee defenders during Notre Dame's win Sunday.

Sophomore forward Melissa Henderson scored two goals in the first 14 minutes of the match. Freshman forward Tereza Stastny assisted on both goals.

"We had a really good start," Waldrum said. "The coaching staff was very curious to see how we would respond today to Friday's loss, and I thought we responded very well.

Junior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes headed in a Junior forward Rose Augustin's corner kick midway through the first half to give the Irish the win.

Two Notre Dame forwards, sophomores for Melissa Henderson and Courtney Barg, were named to the All-ACC first team.

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Jamel Nicholas also stepped up for the Irish. Deely put out 15 kills and nine digs as Nicholas led all players in assists for the day.

"We probably matched a little better with Xavier," Brown said. "We were steadied with that." Saturday was not as successful for Notre Dame as a loss at North Carolina 25-22, 25-16, 25-22. Waldrum said the match marked the first time since Oct. 19, 2007, match versus DePaul that no Irish player finished with double-digit kills. Still, the Irish led the team with 11 digs, seven kills and three blocks as they limited Jocelyn to eight kills.

"The seniors kept the atmosphere on the court relaxed, which you can teach," Debbie Brown, Irish coach said.

For the Pirates' first victory since beating the Phillies 3-2 on Aug. 27, 2007, in Philadelphia, St. Louis 6-4 on Thursday night, it was a tough loss.

"It think today in the match was a really balanced attack, and that will definitely help us down the stretch," Waldrum said.

Both teams stepped up in the second set of the match with 13 tied scores and three lead changes.

The Irish were in their only second start of the season with 13 kills and three blocks as they did not have an impressive performance as they recorded a service percentage with 36 assists and 15 digs.

For the Pirates, a middle blocker hitter, Franklin on Aug. 27, made her first career start and finished the afternoon with 11 kills and a .438 average. Deely posted seven kills, nine digs and one ace in the match.

As they have already showed early in this season, the Pirates have yet to show their maturity on the mound.

"We have a really good group of seniors," Brown said. "Anytime you have a pretty significant role on the team, and keep the atmosphere on the court relaxed, which you can teach, it can be very helpful.

Notre Dame returns to its home court this weekend as the Pirates are adamas Invitational at the Joyce Center. The Irish will face Wisconsin and New Mexico State will be traveling to take on the Irish.

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MLB

Reds win, Cards fall in respective series finales

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Once Micah Owings realized he was OK, one thing for certain in baseball was back on track. It was making sure his name knew he was all right.

Owings, who fell off the field after getting beaned with the bat last night on the 12th inning, and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Atlanta Braves 4-2 on Sunday for their seventh consecutive win.

Owings, who pitched two scoreless innings, was hit on the left side of his batting helmet by a 0-1 fastball from Kawakami. Owings was on his back for several seconds before medical staff from the Reds and Braves helped him sit up and walk to the dugout.

The scary play came in front of several family members, who came in from Gahanna, Ga., hoping to see Owings get into the game.

"Yeah, it was nice to have them there even though I'm sure they were a little concerned," Owings said. "I knew that I saw everything that was fine. Owings said he "felt pretty good," but he "wanted everyone to know what happened because I knew they would be worrying and praying at the same time."

"The Reds dugout manager Dusty Baker, Owings was "bleeding at the ear in the dugout." "He can't fly for a couple of days," Baker said. "But he was in good shape. Our doctors are in there now stitching him up.

Kawakami -7,1- has not started since of 27 outings in his season. Owings allowed two runs and two hits in two innings. Atlanta has lost five straight and are 9-11 worst skid set April 14-18.

Cincinnati trailed 2-1 before Drew Stubbs hit his fifth homer against Mike Gonzalez in the eighth. The Reds have won 12 of 14.

"We're playing our way up, it's a scary situation," said Stubbs, who finished with three hits. "It's a good plan, we're seeing more a - a situation that's putting him in the box. But, I was ready for the game to end in the ninth.

The Braves wasted a terrific start by Tim Hudson, who allowed one run and four hits over seven innings in his second game since returning from an elbow surgery. The right-hander retired the last 14 batters he faced while making his first appearance at Turner Field since beating Washington on July 16, 2008.

"It was a tough loss today," Hudson said. "I wish we could have put that game out of their minds. For the most part games are starting to zero in for me. My biggest concern was really good today. Those are
The penalty kick was well deserved because Dike was through and was brought down," said Irish coach Bobby Clark, "Michael (Thomas) stepped up and took the penalty kick. The Irish were threatening the Wake Forest goal all game, including quality shots from Thomas and senior midfielder John Morrow that just could not find their way into the goal.

In the 34th minute the Demon Deacons took the lead on a cross from Wake Forest junior midfielder Corben Bone. Corben Bone sent a cross in to sophomore forward Luke Norman who headed the ball into the back of the net. Notre Dame kept the pressure on with a header that nearly went in from Dike, but the Irish were unable to even the score until the penalty shot.

"It was a really competitive game in the first half," said Clark. "St. John's capitalized on the empty net off the foot of senior midfielder Nelson Becerra.

It’s tough when you play as well as we did and then take nothing out of it," Bobby Clark Irish coach

The Red Raiders held a 7-4 shot advantage in the first half, along with a 5-2 advantage in corner kicks. St. John's ended the scoreless tie in the 68th minute of the second half when Red Raider junior midfielder Sverre Wegge Gundhus nailed a goal from 18 yards out.

"It certainly wasn’t our day," said Clark. "We had some missed chances and their goalkeeper saved the penalty kick."

The scored remained 1-0 until the final seconds of the game, when the Irish attempted to even the score by putting extra pressure on the St. John's defense. This strategy backfired, however, when St. John’s capitalized on the empty net off the foot of senior midfielder Nelson Becerra.

"It certainly wasn’t our day," said Clark.

The second match saw the Irish match up against the top-ranked team in the nation St. John’s, and although they did not come out with the victory, the Irish battled tough, keeping the score even at 0-0 until late into the second half.

"It's tough when you play as well as we did and then take nothing out of it," Bobby Clark Irish coach

The two wins advanced them to the semi-finals on Saturday morning, where they faced DePaul, which finished second in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship last year. The Belles dropped three straight sets (25-17, 25-18, 25-17) to the Tigers and were forced to settle with a chance at third place.

But the Belles put the loss behind them and came out with a dominating three-set win over Hanover. In the match, Junior Danie Brink had 20 assists, five kills and two aces. Slupczynski added to her stats with a team-leading 12 kills.

Following the tournament, Slupczynski was named to the All-Tournament Team, adding to her numerous accolades including back-to-back All-MIAA second team honors. The Belles will return to Angela Athletic Facility on Tuesday to take on in-state rival Trine University at 7 p.m. The match will mark the beginning of their MIAA conference schedule. The Belles split the series 1-1 with Trine last year.

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Across
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5. Shoe bottom
9. Swift
14. Circle of light around the sun or moon
15. Bard (Shakespeare)
16. Microscopic creature
17. "So be it"
18. Nourish
19. Beck's "Waiting for -" (2)
20. Mays
21. Zinc or zincum
23. Home of Barack Obama's father
25. Natural 1960s
26. Israel-made arms
27. Surgery souvenir
28. 1st to 220th, in 20 Mays
29. "The Observer" subscriber (Abbrev.)
30. Like hereditary factors
31. Research lab

Down
3. English microscopist
4. Mountains (Astr/oEurope separator)
5. What the dew can away with, in "Hey Diddle Diddle"
6. Mountains
7. West Pointer, e.g.
8. Toward the rising sun
9. Pre-freshman
10. College student, usually
11. Down
12. Gorges
13. Small village
14. Native Alaskan
15. South Pacific kingdom
16. Official's call with outspread arms
17. Excess
18. "My Fair Lady" composer
19. Part of a whodunit that reveals who done it
20. Native American sleeve
22. Name: Greek
23. ""Gimme" (rude order)
24. Viscount
25. Soapermaker's supply
26. "Beverly Hills, 90210" intern's pet
27. "Dinner for Two"
28. Doctoral dissertation
29. (former net in the Netherlands)
30. (former net in the Netherlands)
31. Place of research: Abbrev.
32. North Carolina university
33. ___..._ (two words)
34. See 64-Across
35. Latin successor
36. One who acts in the same old name
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words:

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ENFLO
EXGONY
ZIFLEZ

What the Pilots Created When They Set Up a Home Office or a Place You Can Exercise or Work at Your Own Pace

Anas: A 20-Feb.
Answer: A 21-Jan.

Saturday's Jumble: Exact tacky orchid ThoraAX
Answer: A 22-Jan.

No arrangement for the next clue (as suggested by the above cartoon.

Happy Birthday! You're an absolute, cutout andJohann. You are a spokesman, strong will and nutrition. You follow your own path.


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Will Shortz

Horoscope

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Celebrities Born on This Day: Greg Russo, D.B.; Rose Pantin, G.4.; Jean-Cres, 42; Streisand, B.5.; Bart, S.; Melvin, D.; dragon, B.

Happy Birthday: You may have to give something up in order to start something new. Not everyone will support you, but if you examine closely what seems to be the change you will get positive results. Your horse is in the farthest lane but continually you must Shaft. Don't neglect observations of those around you. It is the chance you must take in order to make someone else who has loved you for a long time.

Your readers are 6, 22, 12, 7, 12, 12, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let someone push you into something without doing the proper research. A domain may seem your attention but that doesn't mean you should return to a place of"without all the facts and figures you require. "

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll get on someone's nerves. Even the most inconsiderate will cause damage to a relationship you care about. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get emotional about four things don't do. Your way. It's taking the high road and compromissg. You will get out of what you want. Agreeing over something uncompromised will cause damage to a relationship you care about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't lose your passion or treat. The people who are near can be very helpful. You may want to get back to dock and nutform one of your old friends, hopes and worries.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone push you into something without doing the proper research. A domain may seem your attention but that doesn't mean you should return to a place of "without all the facts and figures you require. "

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to diversify. Get out and enjoy some new pursuits or travel. The people who are near can be very helpful. You may want to get back to dock and nutform one of your old friends, hopes and worries.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make stratégic decisions, love, and romantic entanglements. Agreeing over something uncompromised may lead to bigger and better opportunities. Don't let that happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need to warm yourself up. Get out with others and enjoy substance. Getting involved in a networking group will help you to become more aware and secure. Plans that will lead to large incomes are on the horizon.

SPECIAL JUMBLE

Across
1. "Fidel" (5)
2. German (5)
3. Courtyards (7)
4. Winter T. S. (9)
5. Singer India (5)
6. Vegetarian's no-no (5)
7. Dry, as wine (6)
8. Gun lobbyists' org (7)
9. To each square, an answer (5)
10. To cme (8)

Down
1. Winner (6)
2. All's well (5)
3. One of two for the Ten Commandments (8)
4. Opposite, Abbv (5)
5. Any of the Fab Four (5)
6. Ballplayers' position (6)

Jumbles: EXACT TACKY ORCHID THORAX
Wrong foot

Team struggles in first game at Alumni Field

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Wearing green jerseys for the fifth time in program history, Notre Dame suffered a humbling defeat Friday night to top-ranked North Carolina. The No. 2 Irish returned to form with a 3-0 victory over UW-Milwaukee Sunday afternoon, finishing third in the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic.

Notre Dame (5-1) began its residence at Alumni Stadium with its best of the best.

Inn at Saint Mary's Classic.

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St. John's 2-0 in Bloomington, Ind.

The Irish were competing in the adidas/US Credit Union Classic, which pits many of the top teams in the nation against one another and gave Notre Dame an early gauge of where they stand against the best of the best.

The first game on Friday against Wake Forest saw a long battle that featured a penalty shot goal from senior midfielder Michael Thomas to tie the match in the 77th minute.

Senior forward Bright Dike

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame faced two of the powerhouse teams both opened their season with impressive showings at Friday's Valparaiso Crusader Open event, taking home first place on both sides.

"Overall, the team ran very well," sophomore Thomas Noel said. "We went into the race knowing that we would be setting the pace and got all of our runners up front with in about the first four hundred meters."

Both Irish men's coach Joseph Plane and women's coach Tim Connelly used the season-opening meet to test a few of each team's inexperienced but promising runners who could turn into key contributors as the season progresses.

"The kids that we raced were people that we thought needed experience," Connelly said. "I thought they stepped up and competed really well."

In the men's race, 10 of the first 11 finishers at Valparaiso's Sunset Hills Park were wearing Irish blue and gold. Junior Spencer Carter (19:16), sophomore Kyle Lynch (19:20) and junior Matt Abernethy (19:22) took home the top three spots for Notre Dame, which totaled 15 points. Those efforts set the pace as the Irish outdistanced the University of Chicago, Valparaiso and Wisconsin Green Bay.

The Irish women notched 26 points, beating Western Michigan, University of Chicago and Valparaiso handily.

"The Irish had a great team performance," said Irish coach Debbie Brown. "We know of the things we struggled with that were going to be with that and are taking a step in the right direction.

"We're all working on our passing because it was somewhat erratic. We can get better in both those areas."

Senior outside hitter Serenity Phillips and sophomore libero Frenchy Silva were essential in the Irish win over the Musketeers Friday in the four-set match (25-19, 21-25, 19-21, 25-18). Phillips had 19 kills while hitting at a .444 rate and Silva notched a career-high 23 digs.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy and senior setter