Flu-like illness on the rise among ND students

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

University Health Services has seen a slight increase in students with an influenza Like Illness (ILI) and 26 Notre Dame students have had presumptive cases of the H1N1 virus, according to Director Ann Kleva.

Of 1,922 total student visits to Health Services from Aug. 15 to Sept. 9, 414 students presented signs of ILI. Of those students, 144 were tested for influenza A, and 26 of those students tested positive, which is presumptive for the H1N1 virus (commonly referred to as swine flu), according to Kleva.

"We have only seen truly mild cases of influenza," she said. "The students haven't needed hospitalization and are recovering in an average of three to four to seven days."

Students with ILI have to have a fever of at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit, a cough and/or sore throat and an absence of a cause other than influenza. ILI can be seasonal flu, H1N1 or other strains or symptoms of the influenza virus.

"We are seeing a slight increase in flu symptoms and they are showing up earlier," Kleva said. "But the treatment is exactly the same as in past years and we have not seen serious flu."

Kleva said the students with ILI were told to self-isolate, get plenty of rest and drink fluids for at least 24 hours after their fever breaks.

She said University Health Services has also seen an increase in the normal walk-in population, but many of these students are not ill with the flu.

"There's an increase in the number of colds, allergies and upper respiratory illnesses that are unrelated to flu at this point. We have only seen truly mild cases of influenza," Kleva said. "The students haven't needed hospitalization and are recovering in an average of three to seven days."

Future of economics department uncertain

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters plans to discontinue one of its two economics departments in the next two years, according to College Dean John McGreevy.

In the future, McGreevy said there will not be two economics departments in the College of Arts and Letters. Currently, the College houses the Department of Economics and Policy Studies and the Department of Economics and Econometrics.

McGreevy said any action he takes will ensure that the voices of the Economics and Policy Studies professors continue to be heard.

"We're trying to create the best economics conversation we can have at Notre Dame," McGreevy said. "There are lots of places around the University we need economists," including at the Kellogg Institute, the Kroc Institute and the Poverty Studies program.

He said the University has not made a final decision on what to do with the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, but that there will not be two departments in the future.

"What I've said in a meeting with both departments is that we need economists," McGreevy said.

Nutritionist: Healthy dining hall options available

Eating vegetables, controlling portion sizes can help students avoid the freshman 15

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Despite the ardent warnings of the teen magazines, movies and television shows about the freshman 15 — commonly thought of as the average weight gain of students during their first year of college — members of the freshman class say they aren't worried. "I've never been that good at gaining weight," freshman Alyssa Borrego said. "I live on the fourth floor so I take the stairs to prevent it."

Freshman Ian Duncan agreed.

"I've lost weight since I've gotten here," he said. "Even though the dining halls have a wide variety of food, one can find healthy alternatives to fried, greasy food."

But University Nutrition and Safety Manager Joelyn Antonelli said for some students, the availability of food is a difficult challenge to conquer.

"Students face temptation," she said. "Their eyes are bigger than their stomach and it's hard to turn away food once you have it on your plate."

Antonelli said there are a number of ways for freshmen to eat smart in the dining halls. One way is for students to stick to the mindset of thinking in terms of food groups.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Live like you’re alive

At my high school graduation party, I smiled my way through about a million conversations with people I only pretended to know, but somehow didn’t get a chance to talk to the one person I wish I would have.

Stella was a family friend battling breast cancer. She had an optimistic attitude, so I remember being hit with reality when my mom told me Stella probably wouldn’t get to attend her own child’s graduation party.

Unfortunately, that was all too true. Stella died this week. And on the anniversary of one of the most tragic days in our nation’s history, I can’t help but consider how precious life really is.

To be honest, I’m usually too busy thinking about all the work I have to do to appreciate life or the people around me. I e-mail my grandparents instead of calling them because I think I don’t have time to pick up the phone. There are friends I usually see once in a while, but somehow didn’t get a chance to see last week.

You don’t have to live like you were dying, but I am suggesting that you live like you’re alive. Figure out what makes you feel most alive, and then actively pursue it.

Feeling alive doesn’t have to be big or bold. It doesn’t have to be skydiving or rock climbing. We can all instill a small fire in our everyday lives by choosing to step outside of our comfort zones.

You don’t have to be the hipster or the hip woman if you are normally shy. Get a tattoo. Study abroad. Let your heart rule your head.

We can actively appreciate the positives in life — when a class gets a B+ instead of an A-. We can choose to appreciate life all the time.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sarah Meroesh at smervoosh@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR PREDICTION FOR SATURDAY’S GAME?

Kelsey Sugrue: Sophomore

“I need the Irish to win or else my father, a die-hard Michigan fan, will never let me live it down.”

Tim Scully: Sophomore Alumni

“63-o, Notre Dame.”

Pete Freddosso: Freshman Dillon

“We will trounce them.”

Tré Carden: Junior

“It will keep us on the edge of our seats, but in the end — complete domination.”

Deborah Olmstead: Sophomore

“Shut out. Times 2.”

Sarah Merovesh

News Production Editor

OFF-BASE

Man demands to drink stolen beer before arrest

BAYOU GEORGE, Fla. — Authorities in the Florida Panhandle say they arrested a convenience store shoplifter who demanded to drink the 12-ounce beer he had stolen before being taken into custody.

The Bay County Sheriff’s office says the man told the deputy he had recently lost his job of 13 years and wanted to drink beer. The man became combative when the deputy wouldn’t let him finish it.

George R. Linthicum II was charged Wednesday with shoplifting, battery, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. Bay County Jail officials said Thursday that Linthicum II was in jail and did not yet have an attorney.

Cat survives under fire debris for 26 days

FRANKLIN, Ohio — A woman’s pet cat has been found alive, buried beneath debris 26 days after an Ohio fire. Sandy LaPierre says she assumed 1-year-old Smoka had died from the Aug. 10 fire in Franklin, about 30 miles north of Cincinnati. The blaze broke out in a building housing a flower shop and LaPierre’s second-floor apartment.

A demolition company moved in to tear down what was left of the building the day after the fire. A crew from Stark Wrecking Co. came back Sept. 4 to clear away the rubble and found Smoka’s head sticking out from under 16 feet of debris. LaPierre says she female cat lost a lot of weight and has been gobbling down food to make up for it. She says Smoka has some difficulty walking but otherwise seems OK.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Kellogg Institute is hosting a conference, “HIV and the Rule of Law: Human Rights at Home and Abroad,” today at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The all-day event is open to the public but advance registration is requested.

The Notre Dame women’s volleyball team is playing Wisconsin tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The game is part of the three-day Notre Dame/adidas Invitational. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team is playing Seattle University tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the new Alumni Field. The game is part of the Mike Bertiellcii Memorial Tournament. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Notre Dame Rugby Football Club is playing the Chicago Griffins on West Quad on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit the Rugby Club Web site.

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team will play New Mexico on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

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

CORRECTIONS

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Class registration gets an upgrade

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Notre Dame's office of the Registrar, student government and Office of Information and Technology (OIT) are working together to update and redesign the course registration process, said Walker Anderson, student government Campus Technology chair.

"Last year, we brought up course registration redesign," Anderson said. "We discussed it with OIT and the Registrar's office. We want to identify what's wrong with the current system."

Assistant Registrar Lora Spalding said the Office used student testing as a tool to identify issues with the program.

"There has been a test group of students who volunteered to let us watch and video tape them as they registered for their Fall 2009 classes," Spalding said. "We also captured all their key strokes and interviewed them about their experience. Another student test group will be used to preview and give suggestions to developers from our software provider."

A committee was put together to analyze the data, Anderson said.

The major problems found with course registration are selecting classes, appointing fair registration start times, finding information on course evaluations and syllabi and fitting everything into a workable class schedule, Spalding said.

"We are always looking at ways to make registration an easier and more intuitive experience for students and so as software upgrades or feasible suggestions come forward, we are always ready to fit them into a redesign," Spalding said. "Some of the redesign may be small improvements, but some, because of the upcoming software upgrades, may be larger."

Some improvements have already been added, Spalding said.

"Most of the fields in 'Class Search' can be sorted — this helps to find, among many other uses, open classes and instructor availability."

If students are looking for information about a specific subject, the results from the course evaluations are available as part of 'Enhanced Class Search' results.

Additionally, based upon a student government initiative, the Office of the Registrar and OIT are working on making class syllabi available through 'Class Search'.

Spalding said changes that will involve tools to help fit a schedule together should occur sometime next semester.

Some of the inspiration for new updates came from other schools, Anderson said.

"We've looked at the University of Minnesota and we want to look at Northwestern, among others," Anderson said.

Major changes could be anywhere from six months to a few years away in this long-term initiative, Anderson said.

"We're still analyzing our current system," he said. "We have an idea of providing a more intuitive, streamlined and innovated way of taking the stress out of the course registration process."

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Oxford University Press to publish for Kroc Inst.

Special to The Observer

Oxford University Press has accepted proposals from the University Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies to publish a series of books on strategic peacebuilding, beginning this fall, and a handbook on religion, conflict and peacebuilding in 2011. The books will be written by scholars around the world engaged in peace research, including Kroc Institute faculty.

The Oxford Studies of Strategic Peacebuilding, a collection of monographs and edited volumes, will be edited by Notre Dame's Scott Appleby, John M. Beland Jr., director of the Kroc Institute; John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding; and Daniel Philpott, professor of political science and peace studies. The first book in the series, "Strategies of Peace: Transforming Conflict in a Violent World," is edited by Kroc faculty members Philpott and Gerard F. Prowse.

Strategic peacebuilding, the Kroc Institute's signature concept, is defined by Appleby as "the creation and nurturing, over time, of constructive relationships — at every level of society and across ethnic, religious, class and racial boundaries — as a means of transforming structures and social, political and cultural dynamics that promote discrimination, inequality, hatred and war and violence.

"The Oxford Handbook on Religion and Peacebuilding" will be edited by Appleby; Atalia Omer, assistant professor of religion, conflict and peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute; and David Little, formerly of the Harvard University Divinity School.

Religious or faith-based peacebuilding, a subfield of peace studies that has recently gained attention among U.S. and international policymakers, is one of the Kroc Institute's core research programs. While religious extremism is often cited as a cause of conflict, religion's role in building and sustaining peace is less recognized. The handbook is expected to be a significant contribution to a greater understanding of the importance of religion, peace and conflict in international affairs.

Founded in 1986, the Kroc Institute is a leading center for the study of the causes of violent conflict and strategies for peace. It offers education in peace studies and strategic peacebuilding at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree levels.
SMC holds Red Cross blood drive

By ANGEL GRAY
News Writer

Saint Mary's students volunteered for the chance to save a life at a blood drive in the Student Center Lounge Thursday.

"The blood drive is a unique and very personal way to give back to the community," Assistant Director in the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, Olivia Critchlow, said.

Critchlow, along with student coordinator Lizzy Pugh, planned the week's blood drive with the American Red Cross.

The drives are well attended by faculty and staff, saidcardinal in 1991. A native of Mumbai, India, he served as the ministerial priesthood suited Cardinal Mahony to become a cardinal. He received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1989. The reception and gallery talks are free and open to the public. For more information please call (574)-631-3546 or visit our website at www.ndsmc.edu.

Cardinal Mahony to give lecture on campus

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, will give a lecture titled "An Angel's Tale: Lessons from the Life of a Cardinal" at 2:30 p.m. in the Latham Room of the Bannan Center Sept. 14.

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The Snite Museum of Art invites you to a public reception for the fall special exhibitions.

Fritz Scholder: Contemporary Artists
Selections from the Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Lehman Collection

In Praise of Donors: Selections from the Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Lehman Collection
Shelby Family Works on Paper Gallery

Sunday, September 13 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Co-curator of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian's retrospective on Scholder, writer and cultural critic, Paul Chaat Smith (Comanche), will discuss his work at 3:30 p.m.

Cardinal Mahony was appointed archbishop of Los Angeles by Pope John Paul II in 1985 and was elevated to cardinal in 1991. A native of Hollywood, he is the first "Angeleno" and the third archbishop of Los Angeles to become a cardinal. He

She said students are screened, their vital signs are evaluated, and then it takes roughly 15 minutes to collect a unit of blood. After donating, students are asked to stay so that they can be checked for reactions and have an opportunity to recuperate.

Pugh said juice and cookies were provided for those students that donated. For further incentive, she said the American Red Cross is allowing all donors to enter a raffle for a $50 gasoline gift card.

I want to help people and I'm 0 positive which is universal and could save many lives," first year Bethany Emenish said.

She donated for the first time at Saint Mary's and at least 10 times in total.

Saint Mary's is planning to host four drives this year. Students who did not donate or were not eligible this time around will have another opportunity in December.

Students who were eligible to donate once will most likely be so again, Critchlow said.

"I try to encourage friends to donate because it's a wonderful feeling," Pugh said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Riots in Ugandan capital kill 7
KAMPALA — At least seven people were injured in a new attack on auktors of the traditional ruler of the country's largest ethnic group clashed with security forces in the country's capital.

AP photographer Stephen Wandera counted 12 bodies, and the police clashed with stone-throwing protesters who burned tires Thursday in Kampala. Some of the protesters appeared to be civilians.

Several other people were injured as protesters set stacks of tires on fire and threw stones at security forces. The scene was blocked by fumes from burning tires.

The five-year-old rebellion is led by Shiite rebels, who complain they are discriminated against by the government. The rebels have also caused the state of pillage with hard-line Sunni fundamentalists, whom consider Shiites as heretics.

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Iraq
Kurds call for security after bombing

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Kurdish lawmakers demanded the government step up security in northern Iraq after a suicide truck bomb flatted a neighborhood in a small village Thursday, killing 11 people and wounding 30 others in the most recent in a spate of attacks.

Two suicide truck bombers targeted the Shiite Kurdish village of Wardak, about 35 kilometers south-east of Mosul just after midnight.

Local security forces fired on the driver of one truck when he refused to stop, but he was still able to detonate his bomb. The second assailant in the other explosives-laden truck was shot and killed before his bomb exploded, according to local officials and villagers.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but it bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni insurgents who remain active in Mosul and surrounding areas in Ninewa province — a region where U.S. commanders have warned that insurgents appear to be trying to stoke an Arab-Kurdish conflict.

It follows several other deadly bombings in small villages of ethnic and religious minorities, indicating that insurgents are seeking out relatively underfended targets to maximize casualties as the strapped Iraqi army focuses its efforts on more central areas. Members of Iraqi minority groups are bearing the brunt of the violence.

"The ongoing terrorist and criminal acts in Nineveh are aimed again at the Kurds, Turkomen, Shiites and Yazidis — they are ethnic cleansing operations in which hundreds of innocent people have been killed," Ahmad-Mahmud al-Saadoun, a lawmaker of the Kurdistan Alliance parliamentary bloc, said at a press conference in Baghdad after the attack.

"We call on the federal government to take the necessary measures to prevent further attacks, find the perpetrators and bring them to justice."

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tunity, politics and public policy, nation and culture, health and human rights," according to the Ford Program.

Partnered with Uganda Martyrs University, the Ford Program Fr. Bob Dowd has sponsored a baseline survey and focus groups in order to speak directly to the Uganda community about their most pressing problems which they identified as water and sanitation, health and agriculture and development.

In collaboration with Uganda Martyrs University, the Ford Program Fr. Bob Dowd has collaborated with Uganda Martyrs University to develop goals, with the hope that it will be available in the spring semester and complete in the fall of 2010. Dowd said.

In the interim period before the minor is created, the Ford Program, in partnership with Martyrs University, has offered a special two-week undergraduate class earlier this month taught by Duncan Green, head of research at Oxford Green.

"The focus of the course was teaching the importance of effective citizenship and the role of the state," Pohlen said. "I believe it was successful and students learned a great deal.

In addition to opportunities for students, Dowd said, the Ford Program also encourages Notre Dame faculty to get involved through research and teaching.

A lecture series initiated last year and continuing in the current academic year, featuring Notre Dame professors who are involved in research work in their particular field.

"Notre Dame faculty who specialize in development in the way or area of research that are invited to learn a bit of theory and discuss international development in advance of launching the minor," Dowd said.

The Ford Program also is encouraging any Notre Dame faculty members to apply for research grants up to $15,000, which will help develop and implement solutions of the causes of extreme poverty in the developing world.

"We are calling for collaborative research," Dowd said. "We really want Notre Dame faculty and students working together with African researchers, faculty and students.

"This would fulfill one of our goals of building an alliance across cultures devoted to addressing the problem of extreme poverty.

"While research is central to the mission of the Ford Program, Dowd said, it will have many opportunities to get involved and contribute to the development work.

"Our focus, in large part, is on research, but we also believe there is a way to integrate research and service," Dowd said. "I think there will be opportunities for students and student groups to work with us in gathering resources necessary. It might have to do with the fact that funds that allow us to actually work with people in Uganda to see how their lives are being touched and change."

In addition to service, the Ford Program, in partnership with the Kellogg Institute, has offered two internship students the last two summers to do research and work in the villages of Nnindye.

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two departments is not the best way," he said.

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Rucio said that the different approach of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies "would make Notre Dame distinctive."

"Lots of universities only teach neoclassical economics," he said. "Notre Dame is different "partly because of the Catholic tradition of social justice."

Now students will only get one approach and that's a shame," Rucio said.

Without the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, "there won't be a department that would be devoted to a conversation rather than a moron or campus," Rucio said.

Students are less likely to be exposed to "a variety of different theories, when the department no longer exists," he said.

"That's especially true if Economics and Econometrics teach all the intro courses," he said.

Rucio said the need for different approaches in economics stems from the concept of the liberal arts education.

"Our colleges in Economics and Policy Studies have much exposure to critical thinking and the only way to do critical thinking is to be exposed to a variety of approaches," he said.

McGreavy said that moves to other roles in the University could also allow Economics and Policy Studies professors to have a larger impact.

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McGreavy said the tenure of Economics and Policy Studies will allow all to retire.

"We can't fired," Rucio said. "But from what we've learned at Kellogg, it will be very difficult for me to find another position either inside the University or outside the University."

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**China**

Premier: Too early to end stimulus

China's leader says country's economy not yet stable; recovery efforts to continue

Associated Press

Dalian — China's economic recovery is not stable yet and the government will continue its massive stimulus policies despite recent improvements, Premier Wen Jiabao said Thursday.

"Speaking on the opening day of a meeting of the World Economic Forum, Wen expressed concern that China will emerge stronger from the global economic crisis. But he said it still is struggling with the plunge in foreign consumer demand and some industries suffer from unneeded production capacity and backward facilities.

"The stabilization and recovery of the Chinese economy is not yet steady, solid and balanced," Wen, the country's top economic official, told an audience of 1,000 businesspeople, academics and government officials in Dalian.

"Some of the stimulus measures will see their effect wane, and it will take time before those long-term policies show effect," the premier said. "We cannot and will not change our policy direction in the absence of proper conditions."

Wen announced no new initiatives but said Beijing aims to use its 4 trillion yuan ($560 billion) stimulus to improve China's industry's competitiveness and energy efficiency.

Wen has issued similar warnings in recent weeks, apparently in response to some criticisms who say Beijing should consider winding down its stimulus. They say the flood of money could ignite inflation and is crowding out private sector investment.

China's economic growth slowed dramatically from a year earlier in the quarter ending June 30, up from 6.1 percent the previous quarter. But the biggest improvements have been in state industry while a private sector recovery has lagged.

The economy created 6.6 million new jobs from January through July, putting it on track to meet Beijing's target of 9 million jobs this year, Wen said.

The country's labor minister, however, said in comments reported last month that as many as 12 million job-seekers might not find work this year.

Wen said authorities "face constraints" in boosting domestic demand, though he gave no details. A key goal of the stimulus is to boost domestic consumption and reduce reliance on exports, which economists say are unlikely to recover to pre-crisis levels for some time.

Wen defended the stimulus strategy, which some economists say has wasted money by focusing on construction of highways and other public works. That has helped state-owned industry but little has gone directly to private companies which account for up to two-thirds of China's economic activity and most of its new jobs.

Wen dismissed criticism of the stimulus as purely focused on spending as "a simplistic view." He said only 22.9 percent has gone to construction, 7.4 percent went to low-cost housing and programs to help the rural poor.

He said Beijing has extensive plans for overhauling individual industries, encouraging the growth of high-tech and environmentally friendly businesses and improving energy conservation.

"The government has a clear vision for how the stimulus money should be spent," the premier said.

Wen also called for global efforts on climate change but indicated Beijing might take a tough line at a U.N. climate summit in December, saying developed countries should take the lead in making reductions.

The United States has said it is committed to reaching a deal to reduce greenhouse gases, blamed for global warming, at the meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, as long as other major polluters such as China and India do their part as well.

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**Companies sue 'Ellen' over copyrights**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Some of the world's most popular recording companies are suing "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," claiming producers violated their copyrights by playing more than 1,000 songs without permission.

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"The suit states, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," claiming producers violated their copyrights by playing more than 1,000 songs without permission.

Many of the songs were played during the "Dance Break" segment of the show, when DeGeneres dances from the stage to the interview area, often through throngs of bleachers.

According to the suit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Nashville, when representatives of the recording companies asked defendants why they hadn't obtained licenses to use the songs, defendants said they didn't "roll that way." As sophisticated consumers of music, Defendants knew full well that the use of their recordings, even those used for just a few seconds, would require a license, the suit states.

Scott Rowe, spokesman for the show's Telepictures Productions, wrote in an e-mailed statement that the company has been working with the record labels for months to resolve the issue and remains willing to resolve it on "amicable and reasonable terms."

Rowe said the issue does not involve DeGeneres, who on Wednesday was named as the fourth judge on TV's "American Idol," and whom Rowe calls "a tremendous music enthusiast and advocate."

The suit claims the daytime talk show has used copyrighted music without permission since its inception, including "recordings by virtually every major current artist of popular music." It claims the show routinely used some of the most popular songs of the day, with the record labels' permission. The suit claims the show is a "thriller," "The Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations," and Will Smith's "Gettin' jiggy Wit It."

The suit calls the segment and the music played by the show's own disc jockey "signature elements of the show."
Investigators review tips for Calif. wildfire arson case

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Investigators trying to solve a giant arson wildfire that has burned more than 100,000 acres on the outskirts of Los Angeles are seeking new leads and are warning the public not to light fires.

Los Angeles Fire Department investigators already have interviewed hundreds of people near the fire's origin, but they're still searching for the person who started the blaze.

"We are looking for anyone who may have had contact with one of the suspects," said Lt. Liam Gallagher, who is leading the fire probe.

The blaze has burned 101,000 acres (40,758 hectares) since it started on Aug. 27 below the Angeles Crest Highway on the eastern edge of the city. It has destroyed 21 homes and is burning more than 100,000 acres.

Investigators have left the scene of the fire to continue their investigation, but they're not ruling out anyone as a suspect.

"We're still looking into every possible lead," said Gallagher.

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Shuttle landing delayed

Associated Press
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Bad weather prevented space shuttle Discovery from returning home Thursday and kept its astronauts circling the world for at least an extra day.

Mission Control skipped the first landing attempt because of wind and rain. The wind eased but the rain lingered for the second attempt, and officials could not get comfortable enough with bringing Discovery and its crew of seven back from their space station delivery mission, now stretching 14 days.

Flight director Richard Jones waited as long as possible before deciding, with just minutes to spare, to give up for the day.

"Just doesn't look like it's coming together for us," radiated Mission Control.

"We know that everybody worked it as hard as they could," replied commander Rick Sturckow, "and we'll look forward to trying again."

Discovery's next chance at returning will be Friday at 5:48 p.m. Forecasters already are dubious; conditions are expected to be even worse than Thursday. The weather improves only slightly Saturday.

Late Thursday, Jones decided to call up the backup landing site in Southern California — Edwards Air Force Base — for the next go-around. He made it clear that if the weather remains poor in Florida, then the shuttle will be diverted to Edwards. The cross-country ferry trip eats up $1.7 million and just over a week, however, which is why NASA prefers sending shuttles straight to their home port.

Discovery has enough supplies to remain in orbit until Sunday. There was a bit of excitement earlier in the day when the shuttle astronauts had to steer clear of a mysterious piece of space junk. The debris apparently came from the shuttle or international space station, while the two were still linked. It's believed to have become dislodged during the crew's third and final spacewalk Saturday.

Specialists did not know how big the piece was — or even what it was — but determined it was going to pass uncomfortably close to Discovery beginning Thursday afternoon. The threat went away after the pilots slightly lowered the shuttle's orbit.

NASA kept a close watch with two other pieces of space junk during the flight, while the shuttle still was docked to the international space station. But no dodging was required in those cases.

Obama heckler could gain a political boost

Associated Press
WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. — Rep. Joe Wilson is known as a mild-mannered congressman fond of making short speeches. His shortness got him into trouble: President Barack Obama's health care address to a joint session Wednesday night, an outburst that made some supporters shout even as others believed it could give Wilson a political boost in his conserva­tive district.

"He's the only one who has guts in that whole place. He'll get re-elected in a landslide," said John Roper, an insurance agent, as he sat among patrons at a diner near Columbia.

Still, Southern sensibilities reign in the district the 62-year-old has represented for the past eight years. Added Roper: "He probably shouldn't have said it in that context."

Wilson apologized to the White House soon after the speech and again Thursday, but did not back away from the issue that prompted his outburst: "People who have come to our country and violated laws, we should not be providing full health care services," he said.

Late Thursday, House leaders threatened to bring up a resolution of disapproval or reprimand for his behavior unless he apologizes on the House floor next week, a Democratic official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private negotiations on the matter.

Wilson told Hoy Stearns, who speaks on behalf of Wilson's campaign, that the president's statement was "incoherent," and that he wants to re-elect President Obama.

"I'm a little embarrassed," said Hoy Stearns, a businessman who spoke as a friend in private.

The House version of the health care bill explicitly prohibits spending any federal money to help illegal immigrants get health care. Illegal immigrants could buy private health insurance, as many do now, but wouldn't get tax subsidies to help them. Still, Republicans say there aren't sufficient citizenship verification requirements to ensure illegal immigrants are excluded.

Wilson, whose district adjoins Wilson's, said he was not surprised by the outburst: "I think that's indicative of the rancor that he displays all the time when it comes to politics."

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In Wilson's district, many voters said the heckle wouldn't affect their support for him. Some said they wished more politicians would speak their minds — but most said they wished it hadn't happened.

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Kleva said rec­tors say stu­dents have been taking precau­tionary measures against con­tracting the flu.

"What we really see in dorms is that students are truly prac­tic­ing what we recommend," she said. "Roommates of sick students are keeping distances and they're using alcohol-based sanitizers."

Health Services launched a germ-fighting campaign in August to advise students on correct preventative measures for the flu.

Students are encouraged to stay at least six feet away from a person with flu symptoms and always cough into their sleeves.

Additionally, Health Services will be offering free flu shots vaccinating against the season­al influenza virus Sept. 22 to Sept. 24 in Sis stephan Center.

Kleva said Health Services may get a limited amount of the novel H1N1 vaccine later in the fall, and it would be distributed based on the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for risk factors.

"The only firm thing at this point is there will be a small amount coming to Indiana by mid-October," she said. "However, it will be the highest priority of people receiving this."

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# 12 Men's Soccer
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The Notre Dame women's soccer team has worked its way into the top five nationally. They've been to the College Cup each of the past two years and were minutes away from winning the NCAA Championship last season. The men's team has played well recently, too. So Randy Waldrum and Bobby Clark's squads received a well-deserved facilities upgrade in the new Alumni Stadium, located next to the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Given their lofty achievements, it's fitting that they should play in a first-rate stadium.

It's too bad their fans may not be able to watch them. Students trying to see the Irish women play top-ranked North Carolina last week were turned away because there was no room left in the stadium. Paying fans who arrived at the same time got in.

There's no secret these days that sports are about making money. But this University has a generous endowment and the good fortune of owning a football team with a triumphant television contract that provides all the revenue they could hope for. Are those extra $5 tickets really making an impact? Notre Dame's athletic Web site reported that 3,007 fans watched the Irish play North Carolina. But that's not the largest home crowd they've had. In 2008, 3,127 watched Notre Dame win in extra time in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. If you're building a new stadium, why not build it big enough to accommodate all the fans?

Well, they thought of that. Waldrum told The Observer that the stadium architects provided plans for a larger stadium as well, but the smaller stadium was chosen to avoid empty seats. "We had to decide if we make it bigger and risk having empty seats or do we build it to what would be full," Waldrum said on Sept. 3. "We really like that atmosphere to be full. You don't want to build it so big that it looks half empty. That won't create the atmosphere."

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Don't deny the truth behind 'Thin'

The power of viewing the images of Lauren Greenfield's work, "Thin," is undeniable; however, many people are unaware of this. Just witnessing in Greenfield's work has actualized the power to "fuel the obsession of women and men with dieting, exercise, and body image," as Morgan C. Caudle stated ("Exhibit Indeed" Sept. 8).

On the one hand, portrayals of painfully underweight women against their own thoughts that accompany disorders, can accurately show the tragedy of this underestimated epidemic that plagues society. On the other hand, a person often will unconsciously ignore the vulnerability of those suffering from a disorder that is just witnessing the Greenfield's work. This generosity jumps to the conclusion that no one can come away motivated by those truthful images created to help.

Perhaps the exhibit is not dangerous to the mental and physical health of every student at the University of Notre Dame. Nonetheless, do not deny that the barrier standing in the way of many and initially seeing girls who suffer from eating disorders and their thoughts about dieting, exercise, and body image is an undeniable epidemic that plagues society.

Walking away with the determination to fight your body's needs as you feed your mind over body taken to a new level. Doesn't it?... the exhibited work proves that the disorders are not logical.

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Everything that irritates us about other people is, on closer examination, an expression of something pathologic in ourselves."

-Carl Jung

Swiss psychologist
I want my America back! That common cry nationwide from many attending health care town-hall meetings that have dominated emotional shouting sessions. Their demonstrations against so-called socialized health care proposals or publicly financed medical treatment; alternatives — described by others as disruptive obstruction — allowed civil discourse to dissolve into chaos. Such sad moments should give us pause today, on the eighth anniversary of the deadly attacks on the World Trade Center towers. Is America really much different than it was yesterday, a decade ago or even a lifetime past?

All four of my grandparents emigrated from Italy in the early 1900s. Their visions of America were of equal opportunity, both economic and social. Despite posted signs that read “No WOPS allowed,” my grandfathers labored on the railroad lines and in the coal mines, sometimes without pay. And they found the money yielded shale rather than coal.

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First, I don’t know where this magical “10 seat” conjecture comes from. Independent polling group Research2000 shows a Pew no seat conjecture. The poll itself is largely an uneducated part of the media’s vast left wing. The susceptibility of the college demographic to drinking-related automotive accidents translates to knowing your limits and being a good driver.

Nights show the source on that is Carl Baikie of the Wall Street Journal, which I don’t think we can refer to as part of the media’s vast left wing conspiracy.

Incidents this fall concerning drinking on the University of Utah campus such as the unconscious student found in the University of Utah had 51 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities.

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Living in winter just plain sucks, and the first snowfall is fantastic, and to my Floridian eyes the first real fall is as delicious as a double chock brownie with chocolate ice cream and chocolate syrup with chocolate milk on the side.

Snow football, snow forts, snowmen — all good things; not to mention sledding and my one goal for this winter: being towed behind a car on a trash can lid.

However, after going home to open presents in shorts and an -shirt followed up by a trip to the beach, coming back to a place that looks like the post-apocalyptic nuclear winter before less and less appealing as the years go on.

In a world where we are handed every present in shorts and at-shirt followed up by a trip to the beach, coming back to a place that looks like the post-apocalyptic nuclear winter before less and less appealing as the years go on.

\[\text{By COURTNEY ECKERLE} \]

\text{Scene Writer}

The lights rose as five players stood on stage, bare except for their five chairs and a few props, ready to introduce their characters. Terence Wilton played Lear, the Duke of Cornwall and the Duke of Albany. Richard Neale was Edgar and Edmund and Cordelia. Devlin took the part of Regan and Fool. Rina Mahoney played Goneril and Cordelia and Kent. They were dressed simply in plain contemporary garb, except for Lear, who looked every inch a king in a samurai-like esque glove he wore as Edmund helped as a single man having a Gollum-like dialogue with his ownPMENT for two characters or more,” said cast member Dale Rapley, who has been acting professionally for 22 years. His characters grew throughout the performance, culminating in the spectacularly sorrowful denouement of poor Gloucester.

Throughout the show it often seemed like one player was chosen for two roles specifically to show the dualities of both characters. Neale, as brothers Edmund and Edgar, was able to change between dandy Edmund and villainous, melancholy Edmund with a sinister furrow of his brow, although the black and red leather Michael Jackson-esque glove he wore as Edmund helped as well. As Edgar, he wearily limped and later elastically writhed with madness, where as Edmund he spoke strongly and sensually, planting his body so firmly on the stage one would think he wore his almost constant frown from the strain of it.

Neale was also very impressively able to pull off the admittedly difficult task of having a fatal sword fight with himself, where he manipulated a broom handle as aptly as he did with the real thing. The conversations between Edgar and Edmund made the audience forget that Neale was onstage speaking to himself. If he performed on the street people would only stare to wonder at the intensity of the conversation between a man and himself.

Mahoney was able to switch effortlessly between sadistic Goneril and virtuous Cordelia, conveying their contrasting motives as quickly as it took her to switch Goneril's pink Pashmina scarf for her white one.

Whatever adversity is in "King Lear," it is sure to be legendary.

In the scenes of the play, the greatest idea since sliced bread or the forward pass. Do me a favor think about it. Tell your friends. It'll be legendary.

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The E.N.D. is Forgettable

By NICHOLAS ANDERSON
Scene Writer

The Black Eyed Peas are famous for a couple of reasons. Fergie misspells words in lyrics. Will.i.am is the next Bob Dylan, at least according to Papal’s recent commercial. There are two other members as well. Between the four of them, they have been a pop powerhouse since the release of 2003’s “Elephunk.”

Will.i.am is clearly the leader and creative force in the group. He has come a long way since he signed his first record contract with Ruthless Records. The Black Eyed Peas just released their fifth album, “The E.N.D. (The Energy Never Dies),” approaching their new material in an unorthodox fashion. In their own words, “What is an album when you put 12 songs on iTunes... There is no album anymore. The band is simply embracing the death of an art form that much of the industry is mourning.

Not only do the Black Eyed Peas ditch the concept of an album, they do so while setting the bar incredibly high. Again, in Will.i.am’s words, “[The album] is also the beginning of a whole new cultural birth.” No one is denying their ability to craft pop songs, but rebranding a culture is an entirely different game.

Seeing that the group didn’t set out to make an album, it seemed unfair to review it as such. Instead, each song was examined on individual merit. The reviews will be given from two perspectives. A: a listener experiencing the songs in sequential order on a hi-fi stereo system. B: an over enthusiastic partygoer whose shirt is a bit too shiny and cologne a bit too strong.

A: The three leading singles, “Boom Boom Pow,” “Meet Me Halfway,” and “I Gotta Feeling,” present an interesting variety of music. “Boom Boom Pow” and “I Gotta Feeling” are two obvious club bangers and work as such. However, “Boom Boom Pow” holds its entertainment value in a room with fewer sweaty bodies and more natural light. It does so by the merits of its strong bass line, solid production, and intentionally funny lyrics. “I Gotta Feeling” is much less impressive. The production sounds exceptionally repetitive and lyrics fall flat. It doesn’t matter how light hearted a song is supposed to be, listing the days of the week and throwing around some Jewish phrases does not constitute songwriting. “Meet Me Halfway” introduces the world to a B.E.P. lad. It’s meant as an emotional plea to a lover but comes off as pathetic. It’s the song a guy who has moped about a breakup for a month too long would write.

B: Oh man, I love these songs! It’s like Fergie is talking about this club! I’m gonna get my dance on! And “Meet Me Halfway” is heavy man. It’s like... heavy.

A: Three songs come off as strong singles. “Imma Be” is one of the more aggressive songs in their catalogue and the repetition apparent within every B.E.P. song doesn’t overstay its welcome, combining for a strong single. “Rock the Body” surpasses mediocre based solely on a sample from DJ Jazzy Jeff and DJ DLX. Finally, “Now Generation” creates an impressive sound by looping computer enhanced vocals over a guitar and harmonica. It’s a mildly successful song that at least presents a new sonic texture resembling a hipster mash-up.

B: More Black Eyed Peas! They can’t make a bad song! They’re like the new Beatles, but better!

A: There are nine more songs on the album, all more or less forgettable. The most disappointing moment is when it becomes apparent that “Party All the Time” isn’t an Eddie Murphy cover.

B: I’m just going to dance all night. The Black Eyed Peas know how to party!

The E.N.D.
Black Eyed Peas
Label: Interscope
Recommended Tracks: “Imma Be,” “Rock the Body,” “Now Generation”
Minnesota fails to make up ground on Detroit in AL Central as offense remains ice cold in Toronto

Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies keep losing players and winning games.

Starting pitcher Jose Contreras came out in the third inning with a strained quadriceps Thursday, his second start for injured Aaron Cook.

No matter, the bullpen and a makeshift lineup that was made up of prospects and [inaudible] plugged the Rockies to their seventh straight win, 5-1 over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

"Got to keep the train going," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said.

It's chugging along full steam these days.

The NL wild-card leaders increased their cushion to 4 1/2 games after San Francisco Giants and crept within two games of the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West. The Dodgers also had the day off.

By sweeping four games from the Reds, the Rockies wrapped up a 9-1 homestand — one of their best in franchise history. Next, Colorado embarks on a nine-game road trip that includes three in San Francisco.

"We are playing great base­ball," said Jason Giambi. "I'm excited that we are doing the things we need to do to get big hits when we need it and getting great pitching. That's what we want to do to win games.

"We're a makeshift lineup that was put together," Tracy said. "We're just going to have to rely on a patchwork lineup.

Garrett Atkins at third and Bill Smith in left field were two of their best in franchise history.

"The lineup produced," Tracy said.

Brandon Inge hit a solo homer, Kelly Shoppach had an RBI single for the Twins Thursday.

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

"We're a .500 team." - Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin

"This is a great club," Timlin said.

Bankruptcy filing a new twist for Boston Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin.

"It's the last time I'm going to hear the name Mike Timlin in this city," Timlin said.

Boston Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin, who is set to retire at the end of the season, files for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

"I'm not going to hear my name again," Timlin said.

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Serena Williams of the United States breaks between serves from Flavia Pennetta, the Italian Williams defeated in the quarterfinals. Williams will play Kim Clijsters in the semifinals on Friday.

**Serena Williams gears up for semifinals**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams finally acknowledged what has seemed a rather obvious for quite some time: There are four tennis tournaments that truly matter to her.

"Absolutely. I really play for the Grand Slams," Williams said Thursday, a day before facing Kim Clijsters in the U.S. Open semifinals.

"Whenever I'm playing elsewhere, I really try. But for me, the Grand Slams — I give it that extra oomph," Williams added. "It's where you can leave history and leave a mark, and that's kind of how I look at it."

She's certainly left her mark lately at major championships, winning three of the past four to raise her career haul to 11 Grand Slam singles titles. The other three women left in the field at Flushing Meadows own a combined total of one: Clijsters won the 2005 U.S. Open.

The Belgian hadn't played in the event since — she was injured in 2006, then walked away from the game in early 2007. During her 2 1/2-season sabbatical, Clijsters found it tough to follow her sport closely, particularly once her daughter was born.

"I only just started watching tennis at the start of this year, to be honest," said Clijsters, trying to become the first mother since 1980 to reach a major final. "I didn't really have that much time with a baby running around, and I was happy just to sleep when she was sleeping."

Still, Clijsters does not need a TV or a DVD to know how it will feel to have Williams on the other side of the net Friday. They last played each other in 2005, yet Williams leaves quite an impression.

"She's always been able to step it up at the Grand Slams," Clijsters said. "I've seen her play here, and she has that face where she's, like, 'OK, I'm here to do business.'" Dating to the start of last year's U.S. Open, Williams' win-loss ledger at major tournaments vs. lesser tournaments is striking: 9-0 at Grand Slam events over that span, Williams is 30-1, for a .968 winning percentage, including a 10-1 record against top-10 players.

At all other events, Williams is 21-11 (plus one walkover), for a .656 winning percentage, including a 3-5 record against top-10 players.

**IN BRIEF**

Bird confirms extension of contract with Seattle Storm

BILL TITTLE — Sue Bird has agreed to a multiyear contract extension to stay with the Seattle Storm, keeping the All-Star guard with the only WNBA team she's played for.

Terms of the deal were not released. The extension was announced right before Seattle played its regular season home finale against Phoenix on Thursday night.

The former UConn star was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2002 draft and helped lead Seattle to the 2004 WNBA title. She's been a six-time All-Star selection and is the Storm's all-time leader in assists.

Bird recently became the third player in WNBA history to record 3,000 career points and 1,000 career assists.

Philhie's closer Lidge speaks out about poor season

WASHINGTON — Chad Lidge and Charlie Manuel had a meeting to discuss the struggling closer's role with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Lidge and Manuel spoke after Wednesday night's game against Washington. The following day, the manager wouldn't say if or when Lidge will get his job back as closer.

"We're really on the same page with everything. We had a good talk," said Lidge.

Lidge converted all 48 of his save chances last year, including the postseason, to help the Phillies win the World Series. This year, he has 10 blown saves in 38 opportunities.

"I see him as a closer," Manuel said.

But with 24 games left in the regular season, he wasn't promoting a specific role. Philadelphia begins the day with a six-game lead over Florida in the NL East.
NFL

Lawyer may seek list of names from Steelers’ QB

Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The lawyer for a woman who is accusing Ben Roethlisberger of rape is prepared to ask a Nevada court to compel the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback to name all the women he has had sex with, court documents show.

Reno lawyer Cal Dunlap also said that if Roethlisberger’s request to waive court rules and speed up the evidence-gathering process is granted, he also should be given immediate access to the quarterback’s phone records, Internet communications, and names of any women who have claimed improper sexual conduct by the two-time Super Bowl winner.

The possible demands were included in a lengthy motion filed late Tuesday in Washoe District Court in Reno, in which Dunlap argues against motions by Roethlisberger’s lawyer to dismiss the woman’s case.

The motion also says that if a physical or psychiatric examination of his client is allowed by the court, “a reciprocal examination of her assailant in both categories should also be mandated.”

The woman, a VIP casino hostess, filed the civil suit against Roethlisberger in July, claiming the quarterback raped her in 2008 in a penthouse at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino across the street from a golf course where he was playing in a celebrity tournament. The AP, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

The suit also names eight executives or employees of Harrah’s Lake Tahoe, alleging they orchestrated a cover-up of the incident.

Roethlisberger has denied the allegations, and has claimed in court documents that his accuser is mentally unstable and motivated by money. His lawyers previously said the case could be settled if the woman wrote Roethlisberger an apology and dropped her suit.

That offer was rejected by Dunlap, who last week said his client would settle if Roethlisberger admits to raping her, apologizes, and gives $100,000 to a nonprofit agency that helps domestic violence victims.

On Thursday, Roethlisberger attorney David Cornwell distributed a “remedy request,” signed by the woman on July 6, 2009, which he said shows she sought $1.5 million for emotional distress, $1 million for damage to her reputation, and at least $374,000 in medical costs to settle the case before she filed suit.

Dunlap, reached later in the day, disputed Cornwell’s assertion that the woman sought money from Roethlisberger. The “remedy request,” he said, was one page of an application submitted to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a form required to preserve her right to pursue hostile work environment claims against Harrah’s.

The form includes a reference to the “commission.” Her suit itself seeks a minimum of $440,000 in damages from Roethlisberger, at least $50,000 in damages from eight Harrah’s officials and unspecified punitive damages.

The woman did not report the incident to police, something advocates for rape victims say is not unusual. She claims she suffered emotional and medical problems afterward, and has received treatment, including hospitalization, in the aftermath.

In a previous motion, a lawyer for several Harrah’s employees included pages of e-mails, reportedly from the woman. In one, she spoofs her own resignation announcement, saying, “She is with Big Ben’s child and ... she has relocated to Pittsburgh.”

Cornwell and Dunlap have traded allegations of extortion and threats to seek sanctions against each other.

Her lawyer, however, does not deserve and will not receive similar consideration,” Cornwell said.

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NFL

49ers Hill prepares for starting QB role

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Shaun Hill didn’t play a down until his fourth NFL season. He didn’t throw a pass until his sixth.

But now he’s making up for lost time as the starting quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, a struggling franchise that will depend greatly on Hill this year to help end a string of six consecutive losing seasons.

On a team known for great quarterbacks, Hill will be the fifth different player to start a season opener under center for the 49ers in the last seven years. San Francisco plays the defending NFC champion Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

It has been a long road for Hill, who had to work his way up from the No. 3 spot since joining the 49ers before the 2006 season.

“There were times I thought this day would come. There were times I thought it wouldn’t,” he said. “That is just the ups and downs of my career. But now he’s making up for lost time as the starting quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, a struggling franchise this year to help end a string of six consecutive losing seasons.

But since I have been here, it’s been a struggle every day and we knew he was going to play. But looking back I should’ve listed him as probable, and we didn’t, and I’ll take responsibility for that.”

He said he has spoken to head coach Harbaugh, the NFL’s executive vice president of football operations.

“I just say that we’ll cooperate with them,” Tannenbaum said, “and we’ll go from there.”

Favre led the Jets to a 5-2 start and first place in the AFC East. But he threw nine interceptions down the stretch and the team lost four of its last five games, missing the playoffs.

Favre said Wednesday he felt as though he was harming the Jets with slight missteps on some throws. He also said he spoke with Tannenbaum, offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer and quarterback coach Brian Daboll and the consensus was to finish out the season. Favre didn’t mention former Jets head coach Eric Mangini, now coaching in Cleveland, or NFL how the team was doing. Again, he said, he spoke with Tannenbaum, who is the Jets’ executive vice president of football operations.

“With that whole part of the season, I mad the decisions that I thought were best for the team at that time,” he said. “You take all the information in and you move forward with it. There were a lot of things that I could have done better. There were a lot of things the coaches could have done better, and there are a lot of things as players we could have done better. I don’t think winning or losing is ever going to come down to one guy, it’s a cumulative thing.”

Schottenheimer said the team never came close to benching Favre.

“No, I don’t think so,” he said. “It was one of those things where you’re talking about one of the toughest competitors that you’ll ever see. I know there were some days where he felt worse than others. Others have good days and bad days, too. I think of this team, I think it’s one of the things that will help us throughout the season.”

Backup quarterback Kellen Clemens said he was aware Favre was in some pain, but was never told he might have to start in the veteran’s place.

“Brett Favre at 85 percent is still better than most, myself included,” Clemens said. “Not to mention, he’s Brett Favre. He probably would’ve had to be in a wheelchair or something. I don’t know at what point because there were a lot of things the coaches could have done better.”

Clemens added that Favre was limited in practice and took less snaps as the season wore on.

“I know just because of the situation with Brett being in some pain, off and on, that as a backup, I had a little bit better chance of playing on Sundays,” he said.
Eagles enter season with high Super Bowl hopes

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles could have an undefeated regular season, set records and breeze through the playoffs. Nothing matters more than winning their elusive first Super Bowl. Anything less would be considered a failure this season.

The Eagles have done it all over the last decade except win it all. They've reached the playoffs seven times, made five trips to the NFC championship game and went to the Super Bowl once, only to come up three points short against New England.

Time could be running out on coach Andy Reid and quarterback Donovan McNabb, who are entering their 11th season together in Philadelphia. Neither has a contract beyond 2010, and they may have to deliver the team's first NFL title since 1960 to stick around.

"The only thing I care about is winning and holding up that trophy at the end and winning the Super Bowl," McNabb said. "That's the only thing that matters.

The Eagles are so desperate to win they brought in Michael Vick to give the offense an extra dimension. The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback is expected to play a leading role in Philadelphia's version of the wildcat offense. Vick isn't eligible to play until Week 3 after being reinstated to the NFL following an 18-month prison sentence for running a dogfighting operation.

Signing Vick was a stunning move for an organization that prides itself on strong morals and has little tolerance for players with character issues. But Reid, with McNabb's support, persuaded owner Jeffrey Lurie to go to Vick a second chance. Lurie agonized over the decision, but he got McNabb's go-ahead — not because the Eagles want to become the new landing spot for reformed players, but because Vick could help the team win now.

"I've often said that we are full pedal to the metal," Lurie said. "And when coach Reid said this man can give us a dimension that we don't have and add another weapon to our offense in unpredictable ways, in partnership with the players that we have and the quarterback we have, then again, (it was) a soul-searching tough decision, but sometimes that's what you have got to do.

The key to the offense could be how a revamped line meshes and if the unit stays healthy. The five starters aren't likely to change until the team stays healthy. The five projected starters didn't take a snap together in the preseason and left guard Todd Herremans is sidelined with a foot injury.

The biggest question marks for the Eagles are on defense. First, the unit lost its on-field leader when seven-time Pro Bowl free safety Brian Dawkins signed with Denver in free agency. Last, the Eagles lost longtime defensive coordinator Sean McDermott, one of Johnson's disciples, takes over the coaching duties. Omar Gaither regained his old starting job in place of Bradley.

"We know what is out there, what we are capable of doing, but come Sunday, it's about proving it," veteran cornerback Sheldon Brown said. "When I watch film and I look at our defense, I'm looking for guys I can trust. I need to know what everybody around me is doing. We have nine starters back and I know those players. I know Omar at middle linebacker. I know we have a rookie (Macho Harris) at free safety who has to grow up in a hurry. It's up to everyone to come prepared to do our part and to help in any way we can. That's how you win as a defense and as a team. Everybody helps everybody.

The Eagles enter season with high Super Bowl hopes
BBAIEY laughs off Bengal’s taunts

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Champ Bailey chuckled at Chad Ocho Cinco’s proclamation that he was eager to embarrass the Denver Broncos and their star cornerback in Cincinnati this weekend. The Bengals superstar receiver’s tweet Thursday telling Bailey “storms coming!!!!!!!!!!!” drew a roll of the eyes from the Broncos’ perennial Pro Bowler, who doesn’t check his Twitter account all day like Ocho Cinco does.

“I used that thing one time, or my brother did, just to promote our football camp and you know (Ocho Cinco) uses it daily so that’s his way of trash talking,” Bailey said. “I’m all for it, whatever he wants to do.”

Bailey said he enjoys Ocho Cinco’s trash-talking and looks forward to getting his best shot.

“Yes, I love the way he talks,” Bailey said. “The funny thing is he has respect for me and I have respect for him and he knows what he’s capable of and I know what I’m capable of. So, it’s not like he’s talking to belittle you. He’s a guy that he’s an entertainer and he knows it and he uses that ability to talk to the fullest.

“And he gets to some people, but he knows he can’t get to me.”

Ocho Cinco has embarrassed Bailey before, though. Although he was held to three catches for 32 yards the last time these teams faced each other, in 2006, Cincinnati’s superstar got the better of Bailey in a game in 2004 — when he was still known as Chad Johnson and caught seven passes for 149 yards and a score.

“The funny thing is it wasn’t a bad game, it was a couple bad plays,” Bailey said. “It was like maybe two or three plays that I wish I could take out and then I had a pretty good game, because I know I had a pick in that game, and I never lost my confidence over that.

“I just know when you play a player like that and a quarterback like (Carson Palmer), you’ve got to be on top of your game every single play. You know, I slipped up a few times.”

The Bengals are expecting Bailey to match up with Ocho Cinco on Sunday no matter where he lines up.

Bailey wouldn’t give away the game plan but said he would love to match up with him all day long.

Both Bailey and Ocho Cinco are coming off frustrating seasons and what better way to kick off a bounce-back year than by facing each other in Week 1?

“Well, every year you’re trying to prove yourself, trying to make the team and you know I set my levels so high as far as what I want to be, I want to be the best ever,” Bailey said. “And I’ve got to do that every week, every game, so I’m always out there trying to prove something.”

Bailey acknowledged that he ponders his legacy from time to time.

“I mean, that’s not all I think about. I want to win a Super Bowl first and foremost,” he said. “But you know along the way I want to perfect my craft and for people to look at me and say, ‘He was the best ever’. You know, I’ve still got a lot of work to do.”

Asked if he still thought he was the best cornerback in the NFL after missing about half of last season with a groin injury, Bailey said: “Well, I don’t get hung up on it much. I always try to go out there and be the best at what I do. That is something I learned when I was little, was to try to be the best at what you do and not just the best you can be.

“And whatever people say, that’s up to them.”

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**MLB**

**Anderson’s three RBIs lead Braves past Astros**

The Mets’ struggles continue as Marlins complete sweep with blowout win; Nats edge Phillies behind Desmond’s HR

Associated Press

**HOUSTON**

Garrett Anderson drove in three runs, Nate McLouth homered and the Atlanta Braves broke out of their offensive slump with a 9-7 win over Roy Oswalt and the Houston Astros on Thursday night.

Brian McCann had four hits and two RBIs for the Braves, who chased the Astros’ ace after two innings and finished with 16 hits, two shy of their season high.

Lance Berkman hit a three-run homer for the Astros, who lost for the third time in Oswalt’s last 13 starts.

Houston put two runners on with one out in the ninth against Mike Gonzalez, but Miguel Tejada grounded into his third double play of the game. Gonzalez earned his 10th save.

The Braves had averaged 1.67 runs and batted .153 in their previous six games, but led 3-0 after 12 pitches from Oswalt (6-6).

Oswalt hit the second pitch of the game into the Astros’ bullpen, his second homer of the series. Yuni Escobar then doubled to left-center and scored on Chipper Jones’ single to right.

McCann ended an 0-for-20 slump with a single and Jones scored on Anderson’s sacrifice fly to left.

Atlanta added three more in the third, extending its win streak to 13 games, the first in McCouth to give the Braves a 4-1 lead. Anderson and Adam LaRoche had doubles in the inning.

Berkman’s 30-foot drive off the center field wall in the fourth, cut Atlanta’s lead into an inning-ending double play with runs on the bases, according to STATS LLC.

Ross added an RBI single for a 6-1 lead. Greene then went to a fly to shallow center that appeared to be catchable. He also had an RBI double in the fifth.

Berkman hit his 19th homer off the facade in left center in the third, cutting Atlanta’s lead to 6-4. Umpires used instant replay to confirm the ball cleared the yellow line by about a foot.

The first baseman hadn’t homered in 32 games, one shy of his season high.

For only the second time in 12 games overall.

Desmond, a 24-year-old shortstop who was recalled from Triple-A Syracuse on Tuesday, had a fourth-inning RBI double and a three-run homer to key a five-run fifth. He narrowly missed a home run in his first at-bat, flying out to deep center field.

Hernandez (8-10), signed by the Nationals on Aug. 25 after he was released by the New York Mets, broke a five-game losing streak. His last win came July 26 with the Mets when he beat Houston.

He allowed two runs in the first on an RBI triple by Chase Utley and a sacrifice fly by Howard. In his 7 1/3 innings, Hernandez gave up five hits, struck out two and walked one.

The Nationals tied the score at 2 in the third with a two-run triple by Pete Orr. After Elijah Dukes bunted for a base hit with one out in the fourth against Joe Blanton (9-7),

Desmond drilled a double to center to give Washington a 3-2 lead.

Dunn’s homer, a two-run shot to left, made it 5-2. Desmond drove his three-run shot to center and sprinted around the bases so quickly that he nearly caught Dukes, who had been on first base. Desmond had to be chased by his teammates into a halfhearted curtain call.

All eight runs were charged to Harris, who hit a ground-rule double into the New York bullpen in right-center and scored on Ramirez’s single in the fourth, scuffled in the bottom half, giving up two runs. He walked two batters in the fifth, allowing four runs and six hits.

Barke Badenhop (7-4) pitched two innings.

Parnell walked five and threw only 56 of his 104 pitches for strikes.

Pagan turned a routine flyout into an inning-ending double play in the seventh. Castillo spun around aimlessly looking for a ball at his feet after diving for Uggla’s grounder in the eighth, siding a three-run inning.

**Washington, Philadelphia 7-4**

Ian Desmond homered and drove in four runs in his major league debut, Livan Hernandez pitched effectively into the eighth inning and the Washington Nationals held off the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday night.

Adam Dunn hit his 36th homer for the Nationals, who gave up five runs in the ninth before Ron Villone got Ryan Howard to ground into a game-ending double play with runners at the corners. Moments earlier, Nate McLouth homered on a 0-2 pitch with a pinch-hit grand slam.

Philadelphia’s lead in the NL East was cut to five games over Florida, which routed the New York Mets 13-4. The Phillies had won nine straight against Washington.

The last-place Nationals won

**Athens pitcher Roy Oswalt delivers a pitch to Braves centerfielder Nate McLouth during their game Thursday night. Atlanta took down Houston 9-7.**

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season returning this year, including juniors Mary Kate Beyece and MIAA Season Medalist and All-MIAA First Team honoree Rosie O'Connor. Also returning this year is sophomore Natalie Matuszak who earned All-MIAA second team honors last fall.

In their season opener, Saint Mary's took second at the Trine Fall Invitational behind Division II leader University of Indianapolis with a two-round score of 645 to the Greyhounds' 621.

Freshman Martyna Mierzwa got her season off to a strong start with a final score of 155 after shooting 76 the first day and a 79 the second. The loss," Tuesday.

The Belles hope to rebound when they return home to host the Saint Mary's Invitational this weekend. The tournament is scheduled to kickoff when Saint Mary's takes on No. 7 Otterbein Friday at 2 p.m. The Belles got off to fast start this season when they shutout neighbors Holy Cross 3-0 in their first game. It was a much better start than a season ago when they failed to earn a victory until their fifth contest.

Since then, Saint Mary's has struggled, albeit against opponents much stronger than what it will see in MIAA Conference play. In their last two games, the Belles have been held scoreless against Centre and Transylvania, the latter of which was both part of the Centre College Tournament. Senior forward Katy Durkin and sophomore Katelyn Tondo-Steele are the only two players who have registered goals so far this season. A sophomore midfielder, Michelle Leonard and freshman Ashley Morfill have accounted for an assist each.

Senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy has been very good in net for the Belles, recording 23 saves on the season.

Saint Mary's first opponent of the tournament, Otterbein, will be its toughest challenge of the weekend. Both teams finished last season with a trip to the NCAA Round of 16 and dropped their only match this season to a top-20 opponent.

After Otterbein, the Belles will move on to play Manchester College (1-2) Saturday at 2 p.m.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC drops match to Trine

By BOBBY GRAHAM Spokes Writer

Despite their third place finish in last weekend's Capital Tournament, Saint Mary's suffered a disappointing loss to in-state rival Trine at the Angola Athletic Complex during their conference opener Tuesday.

"Last night's match was a really tough loss," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "It is always tough to lose a conference match at home on your own court."

"Trine did all of the things that we talked about doing to us in practice," Kuschel added. Additionally, she attributed the loss to some unforced errors that really hurt her team.

"We have to learn to control what we can on the side of the net and not to push the ball where it can't go," she said. "Kuschel, however, realizes that every cloud has a silver lining."

"We learned a lot about ourselves during that match," she added. "We did not give up, which shows a lot of mental toughness, especially for our freshman." The Belles once again received stellar play from senior Lorna Slupczynski, who tied a career high with a spectacular 27 kills. Saint Mary's will look to rebound from the tough loss when it travels up to Michigan for a faceoff against MIAA rival Adrian College Friday.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Clemson rallies, but falls short just vs. GT

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Georgia Tech boomed out to a 14-0 halftime lead. Then it was Clemson's turn. In a game filled with explosive twists, the Yellow Jackets finally took control when it mattered most.

Scott Blair took a touchdown pass off a fake field goal kick with 36-yard field goal with 57 seconds remaining and No. 15 Georgia Tech rallied to beat Clemson 30-27 after squandering a 24-point lead Thursday night.

Clemson (1-1, 0-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored 27 straight points, taking its first lead of the night on Richard Jackson's 53-yard field goal with 11:33 to go.

But Georgia Tech did nothing offensive through most of the second and third quarters, came back to life. The Yellow Jackets (2-0, 1-0) got together a 69-yard drive to set up Blair's tying kick, a 34-yarder with 5:40 left that made it 27-27.

Then, after a holding penalty on Clemson's Thomas Austin wiped out Kyle Parker's 35-yard completion to Jacoby Ford, Georgia Tech got a chance to win it.

Josh Nesbit hooked up with Demaryius Thomas for a 39-yard pass, making up for a miserable passing performance by the Georgia Tech quarterback who completed only 3 of 14 for 83 yards with two interceptions. After two straight losses, the Yellow Jackets moved into position for Blair's winning kick.

Blair also took a wobbly 34-yard touchdown pass during Georgia Tech's early barnstorming, field goal.

Parker, a redshirt freshman making only his second college start, helped bring the Tigers back from a dismal start. He threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns, hooking up with C.J. Spiller on a 62-yarder and Ford on a 77-yarder, sandwiched around a 9-yard scoring pass to Dwayne Allen.

Spiller rushed for 87 yards on 14 carries, including a 69-yarder. Ford had five catches for 109 yards.

Anthony Allen led Georgia Tech with 127 rushing yards on just five carries, including an 82-yard touchdown on his second carry from scrimmage that sparked the quick start by the home team.

Nesbit threw his first pick when the Yellow Jackets' first snap, but that was about the only thing they did wrong in the early going. The next time they got the ball at their own 18, Nesbit pitched it to Allen, who got a block from Thomas and was gone down the sideline.
Adidas

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coach Debbie Brown said. "They're teams that play a good schedule, they're winning programs." Notre Dame (3-3) returns home after posting a 1-2 record at the Xavier Invitational last weekend, dropping the last two matches in straight sets against Tennessee and No. 7 Michigan. But Brown is confident her players will maintain their composure as they look to bounce back to their winning ways.

"It's obviously early in the season, and I think we're trying to find the best combination in terms of our lineup and figure out the way to use our athletes to the best of our abilities," Brown said. "The practices have been really good and competitive. I think we've done some good things too. It's given us an opportunity to see what specific things we can work on and how we can get better." The Irish are 1-7 all-time against the Badgers (3-3), the lone win coming at home in 1947. Competing in the toughest conference in collegiate volleyball, Wisconsin is one of five teams in the Big Ten not ranked in the top-20 in the AVCA coaches' poll. Senior outside hitter Serenity Phillips, who leads the squad with 62 kills overall and 3.26 kilisets, is confident the Irish can right the ship. "It's definitely a mental thing," Phillips said. "We have all the physical capabilities to do the best. We're just focusing on certain aspects of the game; serving, just trusting each other, and confidence." This weekend's showcase will mark the first meeting between the Irish and New Mexico State (4-3). Led by sophomore Kelsey Brennan, the Aggies are coming off their first WAC regular-season title in 2008 after compiling a 15-1 record to league play, including a win at No. 6 Hawaii. Amazing a team-high 211 assists as the Irish's lone setter, senior Jamey Nicholas believes the team's experience and overall desire to win will be enough to carry them to victory. "This is our fourth and final year," Nicholas said. "We've been here, we've seen these kinds of situations now, we're prepared for them, we're just trying to guide the younger girls through it. I think we're all really confident, so we just have to come out Friday using all of that confidence and get back on track. Hoping to add depth to the roster, Brown will be holding open tryouts for the setter position Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Rolfs Recreation Center. Interested students should contact Dawn Mays at 574-631-4840 or dmays@nd.edu to register by 5 p.m. on Sept. 18.

The Irish are slated to take the court at 7 p.m. on Friday against Wisconsin and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday against New Mexico State.

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State for first place at 25-over. Individually, sophomore Becca Brophy, who has the record at the Xavier Invitational last weekend, had a three-round score of 224 for first place at 25-over. Current Irish coach Susan Holt

"I think our greatest asset this year is going to be the depth of our team and the competitive experience of our team," said Holt.

Leading the way are seniors Annie Brophy, who has the third-best stroke average in Notre Dame history (76.95) and has played in all of Notre Dame's 96 rounds since her freshman year. The Irish will also count on consistent rounds from sophomore Becca Huffer, who was named Big East Freshman of the Year last year, and junior So-Hyun Park.

For as long as I can remember, first place finish is the NCAA Regional is due to a season-long season, which includes Brophy, Huffer, Park, senior Kristin Wetzel and junior Katie Conway.

Park in particular had great success last year, leading all individuals in the tournament for both rounds and posting an impressive 6-under, 68 in the second round. Live scoring of the Irish will be available on Golfdigest.com.

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The Irish hold a slight 6-4-1 advantage in their all-time series with the Cardinal, including a 2-1-1 record in neutral site meetings. The Irish and Cardinal's last meeting came in last season's College Cup semifinal where Notre Dame outdueled Stanford in a 1-0 thriller. Current Irish sophomore Courtney Barg scored the game's only goal in the 15th minute and the Irish defended shut down the Cardinal the rest of the way to earn a berth in the College Cup Final. Current senior goalkeeper Katie Green played a full 90 minutes in the win, tallying a career-high seven saves in the shutout.

The Irish are scheduled to play the Buckeyes tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Buck Shaw Stadium and will take the field for their match against the Cardinal at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

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7:30 p.m. tonight before squaring off against New Mexico State for first place at 25-over. Although Notre Dame will not have a match against the Hornets this season, the Irish will be the fourth team in the tournament and represent the Irish's toughest obstacle to claiming a second-consecutive Berticelli title. The Hoosiers will face New Mexico State at 5 p.m. on Friday before playing Seattle at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning. "In games like this there is usually a small margin of error between success and failure and in both games little things ended up keeping us out of the mix," Clark said.

"We always have a tough schedule, so the past weekend was a typical start for us," said Bobby Clark, Irish coach.

Bobby Clark Irish coach

Notre Dame is slated to take the court at 7 p.m. on Friday against Wisconsin and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday against New Mexico State.

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ND Women's Soccer

Team travels west for matchup with Stanford

By MIKE GOTTIMER
Sports Writer

Following a tough loss last weekend to top-ranked North Carolina, No. 5 Notre Dame has a chance to redeem itself against another top-five competitor when it takes a school-record 15-game road winning streak to the Santa Clara/Adidas Classic tonight in Santa Clara, Calif.

The Irish will face off against the Santa Clara Broncos Friday night before taking on the No. 3 Stanford Cardinal in a marquee matchup Sunday morning. Notre Dame (3-1-0) is 9-5 all-time against Santa Clara (3-2-0), who will provide a solid game for the Irish before their clash with the Cardinal. The Irish and Broncos have a history of meeting each other in big games, having met each other three times in the College Cup. In their most recent College Cup matchup, the Irish defeated the Broncos 1-0 in the semifinals en route to their second national title.

The teams also met last year in South Bend at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic where the Irish earned a 2-0 victory over the Broncos.

Senior Jordan Angelini leads a talented Broncos squad in scoring with five points off two goals and one assist.

In Sunday's game, the Irish hope to regroup from their last top-five matchup, which ended with a 6-0 loss to UNC in Notre Dame's first game at new Alumni Stadium. The Cardinal (5-0) have looked dominant this season en route to their undefeated record, outscoring their opponents by a total of 19-5 in their first five matches.

However, the Irish will provide the first true test for the Cardinal, who have only played one team currently receiving votes in the NSCAA Top-25 polls.

Senior Kelly O'Hara leads the Cardinal with 16 points this season off of six goals and two assists.

ND Volleyball

Home sweet home

ND returns to JACC hungry for victory

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Finding themselves in a bit of a rut after losing three of their last four matches, the Irish return to the friendly confines of the Joyce Center to host the Notre Dame Invitational. The Irish will welcome any advantage they can get as they face off against Wisconsin and New Mexico State in the three-day event.

"Wisconsin and New Mexico State both are perennial NCAA Tournament teams, so it's a huge benefit to play both of them," Irish coach RandyButtonClick said. "We've seen them in the last few years and they always play well."

Sophomore Kristen Dealy spikes the ball in a match against Stanford Aug. 29. The Irish went on to shutout the Cardinal 3-0.

ND Women's Golf

Golfers face strong field at Invitational

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame football team isn't the only team traveling to the state of Michigan this weekend, as the Irish women's golf squad is off to Lansing to compete in the Mary Gossum Invitational Saturday and Sunday.

This two-day tournament, previously called the Michigan State Invitational, marks the beginning of the regular season schedule for Notre Dame. The Irish have already teed it up as a team overseas, playing five courses in eight days in Ireland, but that was a friendly competition amongst teammates.

The team will now enter its first competition when it joins a strong field of 17 other squads including host No. 20 Michigan State, No. 12 Purdue, Indiana, Michigan and Minnesota.

The tournament came down to the last few holes last year as the Irish finished third with a team score of 27-over par, their best finish in program history. Michigan State tied with Kent State and Penn State for second with a score of 31-over par.

ND Men's Soccer

Irish to face Seattle, UNM

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Sitting at a middling 1-1-1 after opening their season against three ranked opponents, the Irish are hoping to prove that they are worthy of the hype entering the season.

After tying No. 3 Wake Forest and falling to No. 1 St. Johns in Bloomington last weekend, Notre Dame will look to bounce back while hosting the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament at the new Alumni Field. The No. 10 Irish will face Seattle at 1 p.m. on Friday while the Irish take on UNM at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The tournament concludes with the championship game at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Senior Justin Morrow dribbles the ball away from a defender in a 3-0 victory over Providence Oct. 19, 2008.

SMC Golf

Belles host tourney at Warren

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 15 Saint Mary's will compete in its second match of the fall season as they host the O'Brien Division III Championships at the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame Sunday and Monday. Among the 10 competitors is Methodist University of Fayetteville, NC, who has won NCAA Division III title the past 11 years.

The Belles took tenth at the NCAA tournament last spring, and have many of their top golfers from last season returning.

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KYLE RUDOLPH

THROWN INTO THE FIRE

Photo illustration Christopher Vanderhurst
Irish need to take this one out back

When I was 10 years old and living in Farmington Hills, Mich., I got braces. For those of you who have never had braces, the idea is an orthodontist superglues sharp metal to your teeth. Naturally your gums don't react to this very well.

I got the braces on a Thursday. That Saturday was the Notre Dame-Michigan game, by which time my mouth had been silenced for a week and I couldn't eat, talk or smile. Then Michigan beat the Irish 26-22. I can't think of a more awkward afternoon that I have endured since.

Because of mylocation, Notre Dame-USC was a distant rivalry, one my dad talked about but that didn't hold special meaning. USC was just another team on the schedule.

But I was in the heart of Wolverine territory, surround­ed by Michigan grads and fans, so that game was the game of the season.

Let's hope the Irish think it still is.

Just as two years ago the teams had similar experiences when the Irish entered the Big House, their circumstances are similar after Week 1 this year. Notre Dame beat up on Nevada, 35-0. Michigan beat up on Western Michigan, 31-7.

Irish receiver Michael Floyd and Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson both had opposing defenses look silly.

Tate Forcier and Jimmy Clausen both were dreading that.
In the same vein as both teams hit rock bottom in 2007, both teams can use this game to prove they're relevant, not just beating up on weak teams, in 2009.

Irish senior Charlie Weis said he's not going to talk about the 2007 Michigan game, a 38-0 destruction in Michigan Stadium.

"The Western Michigan game really wasn't that close, and that's where we're going to speak of time and energy," Weis said Tuesday.

Twenty borks says his players aren't following that.

They remember. They remember the first snap going over Armando Allen's head, watch­ing Clausen get sacked seven times, Mike Hart gutta­scanning a win and, like Joe Namath in Super Bowl III, leading his team there with 187 yards and two touchdowns.

That's why the Irish players can't approach this game like ESPN SportsCenter everyone else might. This game isn't about

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Roberson commits during visit

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

As the Irish lined up in front of the student section to sing the Alma Mater after their victory over Nevada, associate head coach Corwin Brown could be heard shouting at recruits Corey Roberson and Sean Parker, who both were just a few rows back.

"What are you going to do?" Brown repeated in reference to the high school seniors’ college choices, motivating toward the scene to his right — the victori­ous team swaying as one to "Notre Dame, Our Mother." Roberson answered Brown's question with a verbal commitment to play for Notre Dame in 2010, and, according to Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank, Parker could follow suit when he's ready to make his college choice.

Roberson, a bruising tailback out of Newbury Park, Calif., committed earlier this week, and Frank said Roberson was "attracted to Notre Dame because of his size (6-foot-1, 215 pounds), but a guy who's going to get the football [sold Roberson]." Frank said, noting Roberson's other top choice was Northwestern. "He wanted to play big-time football, and just to get into that Notre Dame football environment, to experi­ence that as a recruit is a very powerful thing." Frank, who runs the ESPN affiliate irish­sportsdaily.com, said Roberson's only concern entering his visit was his potential role with the Irish. Because of his size, he was just going to be a fullback blocking in the air, and the only way to make him more certain is to go out and win some games.

Looking ahead, Notre Dame has a large number of high school seniors who have agreed to make official visits to campus at some point this fall. Of the remaining six home games, however, there is one that stands out in terms of recruit­ing importance.

"When you look at all the big-time players coming for the USC game, it's really going to be a big weekend," Frank said.

"That's just going to be a mas­sive recruiting weekend, and it's really important Notre Dame shows up and plays well.

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Sophomore Kyle Rudolph turns unexpected playing time in 2008 into experience for 2009

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

How quickly things can change.

When Kyle Rudolph first set foot on the Notre Dame campus as a freshman last fall, he was the third tight end on the depth chart. By the opener against San Diego State, he was listed as the starter.

Thanks to a season-ending injury to original starter Mike Ragone and an eventual suspension of backup Will Yeatman, by the end of the season, Rudolph found himself as the only tight end on the roster with any sort of playing experience.

"My goal from the time I decided to come here was to be the number one tight end when I get here," Rudolph said. "For it to actually work out like that was a little bit of a surprise, but I was surprised with how few tight ends we did end up having."

Irish coach Charlie Weis is known for using sets that feature multiple tight ends, and in the past has taken advantage of having players like John Carlson and Anthony Fasano on the field at the same time. Without any sort of depth at tight end, the playbook can become very limited quickly.

"We were just kind of thin and couldn't use the tight end packages we wanted to," Rudolph said. Even though the role fell to him by default, Rudolph said he did what he had to do to be successful as the team's starting tight end.

"I worked real hard to get myself where I needed to be physically, and I picked up on the offense pretty quickly," Rudolph said.

But in addition to picking up an entirely new playbook, Rudolph also had the fairly significant matter of adjusting to college life. Freshmen have to report for summer school and take two classes in addition to offseason workouts.

"I felt like they did it the right way here," Rudolph said. "We were able to come up in the summer and take a couple of classes and work out, so we were able to get our feet wet in the classroom and not be overwhelmed with football as a whole class was no longer an issue.

"I felt like by that time, we had kind of learned the offense and get a head start learning the Xs and Os." Rudolph said.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native finished last season with 29 catches for 344 yards and two touchdowns. The numbers may not jump off the page, but were pretty impressive, considering just a year earlier he was a high school basketball player helping his team upset the No. 1 team in Ohio.

Now, Rudolph is one of the elder statesman at the tight end position, and is intent on passing down the knowledge he picked up in 2008 to this year's freshmen, Tyler Eifert and Jake Golic.

"I try to use the experience I had last year," Rudolph said. "A lot of times you have older guys trying to teach and it's been a few years since they've been a freshman, going to study hall, and their first classes and stuff like that. For me, it was just last fall. So I remember what it's like in that situation, so I try and make it the best transition for them possible." Rudolph said.

In addition to helping the freshmen, Rudolph said being thrown into the fire last year has helped him, too.

"It definitely helped a lot having that experience," he said. "I've been there before and know what to expect week to week." Rudolph said.

By the opener against Stanford, Rudolph caught five passes against the Cardinal.

"I can't tell you how many pro-" Rudolph said. "I think it's even still on a com-" Rudolph added that his improved blocking will be especially important against the Wolverine defense, led by defensive end Brandon Graham.

"They've got a great defensive end and good linebackers," Rudolph said. "And if you're not on top of your game as far as technique goes, they'll get the best of you."

Rudolph said he expected the atmosphere Saturday to rival the game at USC last season, but maybe even a notch or two higher.

"I think it's even still on a complete different level, and I can't really compare it to anything," he said.

But, just like moving from third string to starter in three weeks, Rudolph will be sure to take it all in stride.

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Imagine Charlie Weis marching onto the field at the Big House channeling the moberth thug from the beginning of "The Dark Knight," screaming, "My dogs are hungry!" to the 106,000 fans. Because they are. Throw Xs and Os out the window and focus on emotion, which Notre Dame will use to overpower Michigan. Now bring Xs and Os back for a second, because Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson create a threat much more dangerous than Colin Kaepernick was. It won't matter too much, though, because Michigan's secondary can't cover both Golden Tate and Michael Floyd. Even if they can, Kyle Rudolph looks shaky in his one touch in the return game. It'll be interesting to see how Notre Dame's young specialists (Tausch, Riddick, snapper Jordan Cowart) handle the pressure of the Big House.

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Managing Editor

Both teams looked impressive in their openers, but Weis was less than spectacular.
Freshmen Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson will likely both see significant time in Saturday's contest, but Forcier is both the declared starter and the more accomplished passer at this point. He made a few big-time throws against Western Michigan last week, including a perfectly-placed fade that went for a long touchdown right up the sideline. The Wolverines also have athletes at receiver with far more ability than Nevada did.

Notre Dame's defensive strength, however, is its secondary. Both Robert Blanton and Kyle McCarthy intercepted passes last week, and the Irish showed their depth by rotating several players in at corner. The key to the pass defense, though, might be the ability of Notre Dame's front seven to pressure the Michigan quarterback and force bad decisions. The Irish will have to wrap up Forcier and Robinson, too, as both are quick, elusive and capable of turning broken plays into long gains once they get outside the pocket and pass coverage breaks down. Still, the edge goes to the veteran Irish secondary.

The Wolverines held senior starter Brandon Minor out of the opener with a minor injury, but the bruising back should be ready for Saturday. Carlos Brown averaged over five yards a pop in Minor's place, so Michigan has to be confident in its ability to rotate tailbacks. Minor (6-2, 218 pounds) is the one to watch, though, as Notre Dame has struggled in the past to wrap up power backs — a category into which Minor certainly fits.

The Irish defense held a run-based Nevada offense to 153 yards in the opener, a solid performance but one that may have been different had Notre Dame not pulled away early. Despite the encouraging showing, there were still yards to be gained, particularly up the middle, against the Irish front. The linebackers and safeties did a nice job in run support, but the defensive linemen will have to hold their ground more consistently to keep the Wolverines from racking up the rushing yards.

Michigan Wolverines
Record: 1-0
2nd season at Michigan
career record: 4-9
at home: 3-5
against ND: 0-1

2009 Schedule

Sept. 5 Western Mich. — W
Sept. 12 Notre Dame
Sept. 26 Indiana
Oct. 3 @ Michigan St.
Oct. 10 @ Iowa
Oct. 17 Delaware St.
Oct. 24 Penn St.
Oct. 31 @ Illinois
Nov. 7 Purdue
Nov. 14 @ Wisconsin
Nov. 21 Ohio St.

Head-to-Head

Notre Dame 35, Michigan 14

As long as Eric Oben and Jimmy Clausen complete the first center-quarterback exchange of the game without a hitch, this year's trip to the Big House will be better than the one the Irish took two years ago. The Irish look to be the more talented team, especially on the defensive side of the ball, and should be able to put up points if they continue to be aggressive. This game will be a dogfight, but Notre Dame's defensive front will pressure the Wolverines' young quarterbacks into one too many mistakes to help the Irish pull away in the fourth quarter. But it will certainly be closer than the one-sided games of the past two years.

I'm going to go out on a limb here — this year's game will go better than Notre Dame's last trip to the Big House. Everyone is saying this game will be close, but I don't really see it. Yes, Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson are talented, but the Irish shut down an even better running quarterback last week in Colin Kaepernick. Expect Jon Tenuta to pressure Forcier early and often. On the other side of the ball, simply put, Michigan just doesn't have anyone that matches up with Michael Floyd. So either he has another game like last week, or they blanket him and Golden Tate goes off. Michigan's 80 hours of practice this week won't be enough, and the Irish will win fairly comfortably.

Final: Notre Dame 30, Michigan 20
What's your favorite movie right now?

I have a lot of favorites, but my favorite recent one would be "The Dark Knight."

What is the most played song on your iPod right now?

I actually don't have an iPod, but I listen to a lot of Usher, some older stuff like Tupac.

What is your favorite place to eat in South Bend?

I have a lot of favorites, but I'd have to go with Olive Garden for the breadsticks.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Definitely fly. That or maybe live forever, if that's a superpower.

Batman or Superman?

I'd have to say Superman because I really want to fly, I guess Peter Pan got me started on that.
By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associated Sports Editor

By the numbers, it's the biggest stage in college football. Michigan Stadium, "The Big House," is the fourth-largest stadium in the world, and has an average capacity of 106,201 screaming fans, a number which usually grows to around 110,000 when counting bands, press members and stadium staff.

The Big House hosted the largest crowd in NCAA college football history (112,118) against Ohio State in 2003, and is currently the largest to be packed with well over 110,000 fans Saturday. So how do the Irish feel about playing in the hostile "maize-out" environment?

"I remember going there on an unofficial visit and just standing on the M, looking at how big it all was," junior linebacker Brian Smith said.

"I love the energy though, and there's nothing more I'd love than to shut some fans up."

While the defense may be able to draw on the energy in the crowd, the noise Saturday poses significant challenges for any visiting offense trying to relay signals and time snap counts.

"They better do their thing the louder it gets and communication becomes more and more a problem," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I think more than anything else when you go on the road, especially to a place like the Big House, if you can get on top of 'em early and quiet the crowd, it makes it easier to play."

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen knows the challenges of playing in Ann Arbor — his sophomore career start was a 38-0 loss in the Big House in 2007.

"Going to Michigan in 2007 was kind of tough, you know Michigan fans are crazy and it's loud in there," Clausen said. "I really didn't know what to expect. But going into that game and getting beat up like I did was not real fun."

Clausen also echoed Weis's statements on the importance of a quick start on offense.

"I just know from our perspective on offense it's going to be really loud when we go there in the first series," Clausen said. "Especially, we're just going to try to take the ball down the field and keep moving the ball throughout the rest of the game."

Renovations will soon up Michigan Stadium's capacity to 108,000, again making it the largest in college football. And while that number is more than Notre Dame would like, it's the worse — the Big House was originally designed with footings that would allow expansions to accommodate over 150,000.

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The Observer's Top 10 Toughest Places to Play

1. Tiger Stadium, LSU
Death Valley is the ninth-largest stadium in the NCAA, but generally agreed to be the loudest. Night games feature 92,000 rowdy Cajuns that have been tailgating all day, Bear Bryant comparing playing there to "being inside a drum." The fact that it sells out 24 hours prior to kickoff is a testament to the legions of fans in attendance.

2. Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Florida
For the past 30 years Florida has been a showcase below ground level, adding to the humidity and noise generated by 90,000 Gator fans. Game day temperatures of more than 95 degrees are common, and they've sold out every home game since 1979. From 1990 to 2006 the Gators were 106-13, and are 27-2 at home since Urban Meyer's arrival.

3. Ohio Stadium, Ohio State
The Horseshoe is the third-largest stadium with a capacity of more than 105,000, there's noise, tradition and the dotting of the I in Ohio. Iowa coach Hayden Fry complained in 1985 that the field was too loud, and that sound meters should measure crowd volume and penalize the Buckeyes for excessive noise levels.

4. Beaver Stadium, Penn State
Happy Valley is usually less than welcoming to visiting teams, and due to current renovations in Ann Arbor, Beaver Stadium is currently the largest in football at 107,826. The student section has been ranked the best in the nation by ESPn two seasons in a row.

5. Michigan Stadium, Michigan

While the largest (or until renovations are completed, temporarily the second-largest) stadium in football, Michigan doesn't have the reputation for the loudest fans in the nation. Nonetheless, the Big House is easily a top-five venue for college football for its sheer numbers and tradition.

6. Autzen Stadium, Oregon
Its capacity is only 57,000, but many Ducks fans will tell you their stadium is the loudest in the nation. A win over USC in 2007 created noise of 112 decibels, an unlit up Oregon in 2003 prompted a Michigan Daily columnist to write "Autzen's 57,000 make the Big House collectively sound like a panic attack."

7. Memorial Stadium, Oklahoma
The stadium has been particularly loud or large, but the results speak for themselves. The Sooners have lost just one home game since 2001, and it's not like 84,000 fans is a small number.

8. Neyland Stadium, Tennessee
While the Vols have been down lately, Neyland has been packed as ever. Renovations have actually decreased capacity, but the stadium still ranks as the second-largest in college football.

9. Lane Stadium, Virginia Tech
Another excellent stadium known for being an extremely noisy crowd. "Tech Sandman" welcomes back to Lane and the stadium erupts. Blacksburg is so far from anywhere that few fans make the trip to Lane.

10. Kyle Field, Texas A&M

Despite rebuilding this decade, the "home of the 12th man" hosts 82,000 loyal fans each and every Saturday. In the program's prime in the 1990s, the Aggies were 55-4-1.

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Freshmen Forcier, Robinson pose dual threats at QB

The Wolverine quarterback Tate Forcier scoots past a Western Michigan defender during Michigan's 31-7 victory last Saturday. Forcier and fellow freshman Denard Robinson will both take snaps Sunday.

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame defense will need to adjust if Robinson is in there instead of Tate Forcier. Robinson's strong arm, but more than a quarterback with Robinson's athleticism.

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◆ Michigan and Notre Dame rank first and second in the NCAA in all time winning percentage, television appearances and all-time final composite AP Poll rankings.

◆ The Wolverines lead the all-time series against the Irish, 20-15-1.

◆ Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds 71 of its last 80 away games including Saturday’s game.

◆ The 35-point victory over Nevada was the largest margin of the Charlie Weis era.

◆ The Irish are one of only four NCAA FBS programs to have never faced a non-FBS opponent since the current setup was established in 1978. The three other remaining schools are USC, UCLA and Washington.

◆ The Irish have dropped nine of the last 12 opening away games.

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