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**Holy Cross students forced into trunk of car**

Victims say four men approached them with a gun; Poorman says off-campus safety a priority for University

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By MADELINE BUCKLEY

News Editor

Two Holy Cross College students were robbed and forced to ride in the trunk of their car for at least an hour late Thursday night, according to a police report.

Police said the two male students had exited their car in a parking lot near the 800 block of Notre Dame Ave. about 10:40 p.m. Thursday when a man approached them with a gun and demanded money.

The students gave the man their wallets, cell phone and car keys. Two or three other male suspects approached the group, asked for more money and then forced the students into the back of the vehicle.

The students reported that the men forced them to drive around to several local banks to withdraw cash. The students told police the men hit them while driving the car. One student said he was hit in the ear with a gun and punched in the face. The students reported the men eventually forced them into the trunk.

Police said an officer stopped the vehicle on McKinley Road because the driver failed to turn off the car's high beams, and the suspects fled the vehicle.

The officer then approached the car and heard noises coming from the car. He discovered the students stuffed in the trunk.

Police said the incident ended just after midnight.

Police said they currently have no suspects.

University Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman acknowledged Thursday's robbery in an e-mail to the student body Friday and said the University is working with local police to address the issue of off-campus crime.

"We have experienced crime near the campus previously, but in these most recent cases the perpetrators have been bolder than in the past," he said in the e-mail. "As with other crimes, robbers sometimes approach students because they believe them to see TRUNK/page 3

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**Purdue win a relief for game spectators**

By BRIAN METZ

News Writer

Notre Dame students let out a collective sigh of relief as the final horn sounded in Saturday's 24-21 victory at Purdue's Ross-Ade Stadium.

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen and the Irish sealed the win in the final seconds, sending the in-state rival Boilermakers home unhappy.

Without the team's leading rusher Armando Allen and leading receiver Michael Floyd in the line-up, and with Clausen battling injury as well, the Irish needed to step it up, senior Jeff Skorup said.

"Jimmy was obviously hurting, but he came through when called upon," Skorup said. "And even though [backup quarterback Dane] Crist wasn't asked to do much, he played mistake-free football and did his job."

Senior Amy Holt was impressed by Notre Dame's coolheaded leadership with the game on the line.

"Despite his injury, Jimmy came through in the end, and that's what a good quarterback has to do," Skorup said.

Though limited by injury offensively, the Irish had an

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**Cadets learn leadership skills during weekend at Fort Custer**

By ROBERT SINGER

Assistant News Editor

Army ROTC cadets from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's College returned Sunday afternoon after a weekend-long training exercise at Fort Custer near Battle Creek, Mich., where they honed their skills in navigation, combat and leadership, senior cadet Scott Vitter said.

Daytime and nighttime land navigation, squad training exercises and leader reaction courses comprised the bulk of the weekend, which began for the 92 cadets at noon on Friday, Vitter said.

In the "real army," junior cadet Gerslyn Janke said, GPS and other systems aid land navigation, but to evaluate ROTC cadets and to prepare them for technology failures, they were given nothing but grid coordinates, a map, compass and protractor over the weekend to locate their targets — an orange and white box somewhere in the woods.

Janke also said she participated in a leader reaction course. This exercise, according to Vitter, "tests a squad leader's ability to formulate a plan on the spot and formulate it effectively with the peers in his squad."

The one I led today was a simplified mine field," Janke said. "We had two ammo boxes and two long poles to get across this mine field, and none of the cadets could touch the gravel ground. We had to get all the cadets and all the equipment to the other side."

Senior cadet Marina Rodriguez explained the squad training exercises.

"The juniors take turns being the leader for the mission. They're leading a mission that the squad must execute, then they make a plan to get them from the starting point to the end point," she said. "The missions include a general attack, an ambush, attacking a fortified position, reacting to contact."

Rodriguez also discussed how the Army prepares its cadets for carrying out missions in cultures that may seem unfamiliar.

"We try and have our enemy forces try to mimic the culture of what the current combat situation is in Iraq and Afghanistan," she said.

According to Rodriguez, "respecting their culture, and at the same time, doing it in a way that doesn't affect the mission."

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**INSIDE TODAY'S PAPER**

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Worried?**

Hardly.

I have the conversation down to a science. 

"So, do you what do you want to do after graduation?"

"Good question," I answer, with a lighthearted laugh.

"No ideas? What are you interested in?"

This is when I launch into a rehearsed, "Well, sure, I’ve thought about it, and a long time ago, there were quite a few things I was interested in" spiel that usually gets a response like "Oh, I see. Well, you have some time to figure it out.”

Which is when I interject, "Sure … but only a few months!"

By all counts—a down economy, looming application deadlines, daunting Career Fairs—I should be worried, right?

I know some are, or are getting to that point. But on the contrary, I’m not worried at all.

It’s interesting—at exactly the point when I’m most confused and should be most concerned about where my life goes after graduation, I’m actually quite at peace with the ambiguity. Maybe it’s because I still harbor idealistic notions that make me feel like I can do anything. Or maybe I’m just that I haven’t thought about it much.

No. Not true, I’ve thought about it a lot. And become even more confused.

Whatever the case, I’m not worried. But I’ll tell you what I am worried about.

I’m worried about the rest of the Irish football season. I’m worried about the number of times I’m going to get to go to the Backer this year.

I’m worried that working at The Observer is going to eat up any remaining notions of free time I have.

I’m just hoping that I can hold onto the moment—that keeps me from fretting about a “10 year plan” or the like.

I’m just hoping that I can hold onto all of these things, because my time here is far too short to spend what’s left worrying over what comes next. So far things have turned out remarkably well and I feel though I hold on still believe that things will turn out for the better in the end.

"You’ll figure it out sooner or later,” is one of the usual ends to that conversation I was talking about.

"Exactly,” I conclude, with an honest smile.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Aaron Steiner at asteiner@nd.edu

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** **WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PLANETEER?**

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"The water one. She’s the most important."

"Wheeler."

"I’m gonna say Heart."

"Linka. She had the power to control air!"

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

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**OFFBEAT**

**Pilot stalked ex-girlfriend with low-flying plane**

**CONCORD, Calif.**—Police have arrested a California pilot who they say stalked his ex-girlfriend by repeatedly flying his plane low over her house.

Concord police Sgt. Tiffany Leftwich says Tom Huey made several low passes over a residential neighborhood Wednesday evening.

A dozen residents called police to complain. Huey was arrested shortly after landing the Beech single-engine aircraft.

Leftwich says police have been investigating reports of a low-flying plane in the area for more than a year. Huey’s girlfriend filed for a restraining order last year, but he was not served until Wednesday afternoon.

**Italian police seize mafia boss’ pet crocodile**

**HOME—** Here’s another of the Mafia’s trademark offers-you-can’t-refuse: pay or be eaten by a crocodile.

Italy’s anti-Mafia police unit said Wednesday it has seized a crocodile used by an alleged Naples-based boss to intimidate local businessmen from whom he demanded protection money.

Officers searching for weapons in the man’s home outside the southern Italian city last week found the crocodile living on his terrace, said police official Sergio Di Mauro.

The crocodile, weighing 40 kilograms (88 pounds) and 1.7 meters (5.6 feet) long, was fed a diet of live rabbits and mice, Di Mauro said. He said the suspect, an alleged boss in the Naples-based Camorra crime syndicate, used to invite extortion victims to his home and threaten to set the animal on them if they didn’t pay or grant him favors.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

A lecture, “City by Design: A Vision for Sustainability,” will be held today in 104 Bond Hall, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Harriet Tregening, Director of the Washington, D.C. Office of Planning, will be lecturing on her work to improve Washington, D.C. through beautification projects.

A presentation and question and answer session, “Cheech Marin: An Interpretation of a Culture through Chicano Art,” will be held Sept. 30 at the Decio Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. This is a free but ticketed event, with tickets available at 6:30 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center for the event or for students with a valid ID at MPS, 210 LaFortune.

A film, “The Man Who Would Be Folks King” (2009) will be shown Oct. 1 at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. This is a free but ticketed event. Filmmaker Joshua Brown, a Notre Dame graduate, will be present.

A lecture, “Images That Matter: The U.S. as Seen through Latin American Eyes,” will be held Oct. 3 at the Annenberg Auditorium in the Snite Museum of Art at 12 p.m. Thomas P. Anderson, associate professor in the Department of Romance Languages and Literature will lecture. This lecture is a part of the “Saturday Scholars Series.”

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

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**Corrections**

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Domer Run benefits ovarian cancer research

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross communities ran and walked in the 26th Annual Domer Run on Saturday to benefit Ovarian Cancer awareness and education.

The run, which is held each year on an away game weekend, started at 9 a.m. at Legends, and featured both a 3-mile and 6-mile run, as well as a 2-mile fun walk. Over 500 participants showed up to Legends on Saturday to run or walk in the Domer Run, which is sponsored by RecSports and the Alumni Association, RecSports Coordinator of Special Events and Family Programs Tim Novak said.

The money raised from the registration fees and donations will be donated to the cause.

"We are here because we just want to help raise money for cancer, specifically types affecting women because it’s a good cause, and if you’re going to work out it might as well be for charity," sophomore Kristin Mannion said.

The course took runners through campus sights such as Main Circle, Main Building, the Grotto up to Main Circle and Saint Mary’s Lake. "The first two and a half miles were fine but then we hit the hill near the Grotto and up to Main Building so I kept waiting for the second wind to catch on. It was a good run still," junior Michael McDonnell said. Before the run, participants were eager to begin in order to show their support for the cause and help raise awareness.

"It was the first time I’ve ever done any organized run or race, but it wasn’t difficult just because the atmosphere was so good and it was important for me to participate because my best friend’s mom just got diagnosed with ovarian cancer," senior Jennie Hiatt said.

"It is important for us as women to support the cause, and also we really want to show our Hall spirit."

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Runners participate in the annual Domer Run to benefit Ovarian Cancer research and awareness Saturday morning.

Study Abroad in Perth, Australia

Information Meeting
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be easy targets, and they will choose times and locations they think students will be walking or perhaps intoxicat-
ed.

Poorman urged students to be aware of their surroundings and take precautions when walking off campus.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said there has not necessarily been more crime this year, but the means of committing crimes have been more aggressive.

"It is the use of guns that may not have been the case in the past," he said.

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Lecture focuses on spirituality, medicine

By SAM STRIKER

Wednesday, September 29, 2009

Spirituality is a term that is broadly used, yet difficult to define and is a broad concept that is meaningful to many in the medical community, according to Dr. Philip Sheldrake of the University of the West of England. Dr. Harold Koenig of Duke University Medical Center.

Sheldrake and Koenig spoke Friday at Saint Mary's College on the nature of spirituality while Koenig spoke of spirituality's importance in modern medicine.

Sheldrake said the word spirituality is a defining one of our modern era because it is so commonly used. He said it is beginning to contrast with religion.

"Spirituality is a better fit to our contemporary era," Sheldrake said. "All of us can have a spirituality. It's personalized and it's democratic."

Spirituality is tough to define, he said, but humans have a sense of what it's about. Sheldrake brought up what he called "family resem­blances" that linked different types of spirituality.

Sheldrake said spirituality is holistic and involves a quest for the sacred. "Spirituality is a search for meaning and something to do with finding identity. It also involves the integration of a whole life and expresses the develop­ment of the individual beyond the physical."

"We are vision-creating beings, not just tool-creating animals," Sheldrake said. "We are driven by goals that are more than physical satisfaction or mental suprema­cy."

Sheldrake concluded his portion of the lecture by describing three questions of meaning that pertain to the relation between the med­ical community and spirituality. He said humans question why they are in this world, who they really are and how they can become more than they are. States of unhappiness occur when problems related to these questions arise, Sheldrake said.

Koenig noted the relation between religious beliefs and the transcendence and constrained reli­gion and spirituality.

"Spirituality is broader, more popular and harder to define," he said. "Individuals define it for themselves. It's free from many rules, regulations and responsibil­ities associated with religion."

Koenig said some theologians that the belief in God leads to positive mental health and consequently results in better physical health. He said such qualities as for­giveness, altruism and grateful­ness are related to the link between good mental and physi­cal health. He said though those traits do not compose spirituality itself, they are important.

"Positive emotions are not spiritu­ality itself but consequences of a spiritual life," Koenig said.

Koenig urged the modern med­ical community to broaden spiritu­ality into their prac­tices, noting the importance of practitioners being knowledgeable of their patients' spiritual history.

"Many patients are religious and would like it addressed in health care," he said. "Religion influences support and care in the community."

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PLS professor receives 2010 astronomy prize

Special to The Observer

Michael J. Crowe, Reverend John J. Cavanaugh Professor Emeritus in the Humanities, the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) at the University of Notre Dame, 1965-1999, has received the 2010 LeRoy E. Doggett Prize for Historical Astronomy from the American Astronomical Society (AAS).

The Doggett Prize is awarded biannually to an individual "whose long-term efforts and lifetime accomplishments have had significant impact on the field of the history of astronomy." Crowe will receive the award and deliver a plenary address at the 2010 meeting of the AAS in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 4, 2010.

Crowe, a 1958 Notre Dame alum who earned bachelor's degrees both in the PLS and in science, earned a Ph.D. in ancient history, the history of science from the University of Wisconsin in 1965.

"This is wonderful news for nearly half a century at Notre Dame, where he has chaired the PLS and was founding chair of the graduate program in the history and philosophy of science," said the author of "Theories of the World from Antiquity to the Contemporary Era." "Modern Theories of the Universe from Heracles to Hubble," and "Mechanics: From Aristotle to Einstein," all of which have become texts widely used in college courses on the history of science.

He is also the author of "A History of Vector Analysis" and "The Extraterrestrial Life Debate, 1750-1900: The Idea of a Plurality of Worlds from Kant to Lowell," which the AAS described as "a magisterial and ambitious work" which has "opened up a new and rich field for scholars and made the history of beliefs in alien life a legitimate field for discussion. It is an indispensable resource that is unlikely to be surpassed for a long time," Crowe's most recent book, "The Extraterrestrial Life Debate: Antiquity to 1915," was published in 2006 by the University of Notre Dame Press.

"Praising Crowe as "a cultivator of scholars as well as scholarship" and citing his role in establishing the minimum meetings, "The Workshops for the History of Astronomy, AAS said that the workshops "have become the premier gathering of historians of astronomy and a place in which to establish a sense of community among them. Crowe created a space in which scholars of all ages and backgrounds could rub should­ers together in discussions of his­tory-of-astronomy topics without regard to seniority or hier­archy. Indeed, many scientists in the field have attributed their success to Crowe's enthusiastic encouragement, and mutual sup­port that they first received at one of these forums."

Saint Mary's students win Wabash College for a day of community service, football and Ben Folds on Saturday

The activity for the 37 Saint Mary's participants and the students was community service.

The students could choose a museum, helped landscape at the Family Crisis Shelter, offered assistance at the department and helped care for animals at the Humane Society of St. Joseph County.

Student Government Association President Jenny Hoffman said community service was a good way to start the day.

"Overall, the organizations appreciated our help, and it enabled the students to get to know each other better," Hoffman said.

Crowe's favorite part of the trip was the community service.

"I volunteered at the Humane Society and we got to help the cutest dogs," Mitchell said.

After lunch, Saint Mary's students attended the Wabash Homecoming football game, which Wabash won.

The only glitch for the day was the unexpected cost of football tickets. One of Wabash's freshmen, Beta Theta Pi covered the cost of the tickets for the Saint Mary's group, Hoffman said.

Students had free time to spend with each other before attending the Ben Folds concert.

"At first it was awkward," Crowe said of those dances that we see in movies where the girls were on one side then the boys on the other.

"Will and I have always had a great time when we've visited each other at our respective schools, so this event seemed like a no­brainer," Hoffman said. "Both schools appreciate and enjoy the idea of a mutual evening of the single-sex community service.

"Both organizations appreciated our help, and it enabled the students to get to know each other better," Hoffman added.

Hoffman and her brother, Wabash senior Will Hoffman, jointly came up with the idea for a mutual evening of the single-sex community service.

"I was happy to see them enjoying Wabash as much as I have d using my college tenure," Hoffman said. "Our campus environments are extremely similar, and our schools have much to gain and learn from each other."

The event was such a success for both colleges that it may become a new tradi­tion.

"I am confident that this event was the start of a beneficial and mutually respected friendship between the two schools," Hoffman said. "My hope is to make this an annual event; perhaps Wabash could reciprocate and visit our campus in the spring."

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Creating a Comprehensive Application for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Operations Center

By Thomas F. Juliano, Ph.D

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Creating a comprehensive application for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) is a daunting task. The application reflects the student's research potential, academic achievements, and personal goals. The GRF is a highly competitive fellowship program that supports graduate education and research in the sciences and engineering. Knowing how to present oneself effectively in the application can increase the chances of securing the fellowship. Here are some tips to help create a strong and competitive application:

1. Understand the GRF criteria: The GRF is designed to support students who have demonstrated excellence in their academic record and potential for research. The application process is highly competitive, and the criteria for selection are stringent. Students should carefully review the eligibility requirements and application guidelines provided by the NSF. This will help them tailor their application to meet the program's goals.

2. Highlight academic achievements: The application should clearly demonstrate the student's academic excellence. Include GPA, relevant coursework, publications, and any awards or honors received. Students should provide evidence of their research contributions, such as posters or presentations at conferences or workshops. Relevant experiences, such as internships or research opportunities, should also be included.

3. Present research background: The student's research experience is a crucial aspect of the application. They should describe their background in the field, including any coursework, research projects, or publications. This section should provide insight into the student's research interests and how they have been shaped by their experiences.

4. Develop a clear research plan: A well-defined research plan is essential for the application. The student should outline their research goals, proposed project, and how it aligns with their academic and career aspirations. They should also discuss any potential mentors or advisors who will support their research.

5. Write a compelling personal statement: The personal statement is a critical component of the application. It should convey the student's passion for research and their commitment to their chosen field. The statement should demonstrate their ability to communicate complex ideas effectively and articulate their unique value and contribution to the field.

6. Seek strong letters of recommendation: Letters of recommendation from professors or advisors who are familiar with the student's work and character are essential. Students should choose recommenders who can provide insights into their research potential and academic achievements.

7. Review and revise: After completing the application, it is crucial to review and revise it. This will help students identify and correct any errors or omissions. They should also ensure that the application is well-organized and free of grammatical errors.

8. Submit on time: The application deadline is critical, and students should ensure that they submit their application on time. Late submissions are not accepted, so planning ahead and checking the deadline is essential.

By following these tips, students can create a comprehensive and compelling application for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Remember, the application is a reflection of the student's research potential and academic achievements. A strong application increases the chances of securing the fellowship and advancing their career goals.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pope urges Christian heritage
BRNO, Czech Republic — Pope Benedict XVI said Sunday that all of Europe — and not only this ex-communist country — must acknowledge its Christian heritage as it copes with rising immigration from other cultures and religions.

The second day of Benedict's pilgrimage to this highly secular country was marked by a joyous open-air Mass that drew tens of thousands of pilgrims and messages for the entire continent.

Benedict said his visit to Brno had demonstrated the absurdities to which man descends when he excludes God from the horizon of his choices and actions. "Benedict," Church organizers estimated that 120,000 people packed a field beside an airport in the southern city of Brno for what was expected to be the biggest tourist event ever in the city.

Deadline set on embassy stand-off
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduras' interim government gave Brazil a 10-day ultimatum over what to do with ousted President Manuel Zelaya, who took refuge in the Brazilian Embassy after staging a back-from-this Central American nation.

A spokesman for interim President Roberto Micheletti warned Brazilian authorities to "immediately take measures to ensure that Mr. Zelaya stays under the protection offered by the diplomatic mission to instigate violence in Honduras."

NATIONAL NEWS

Conservative columnist dies
NEW YORK — William Safire, the conservative columnist and word warrior who feared no politician or corner of the English language, died Sunday at age 79.

Safire spent more than 30 years writing the "On Language" column in The New York Times. In his "Language" column in The New York Times, Safire moved from one dozen books, Safire traced the origins of words and everyday phrases such as "straw man," "under the bus" and "the proof is in the pudding."

Students suspended for hazings
LISBON, Portugal — A western New York high school has been roiled by a hazing ritual that entailed hurling raw meat at new players. Same-sex marriages are illegal in Indiana.

Schools Superintendent Chris Roser said Friday that 15 Lehighton High School students were suspended for three to five days because of the Labor Day weekend incident. He says administrators learned this week about the episode, which also involved putting eggs and flour in three or four new players' hair. No one was hurt, but Mohr says officials won't accept any "behavior that would demean another student."

He didn't identify the students involved. Lewiston Police Chief Christopher Salada says investigators are looking into the incident. Lewiston is about 25 miles north of Buffalo.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman appeals divorce denial
INDIANAPOLIS — An attorney for an Indiana woman who entered into a same-sex marriage in Canada says she plans to appeal a court's refusal to grant the couple a divorce.

She would find the $15 billion in cuts she proposed. Her speech Saturday did gain momentum this weekend after Carly Fiorina, the former Hewlett-Packard chief executive, announced she is exploring a run. Her entrance in the contest pits a socially conservative state lawmaker, Assemblyman Chuck DeVore, against a former CEO whose views are barely known to GOP voters in the state.

DeVore was scheduled to address delegates Sunday. Fiorina, who is battling breast cancer, declined to attend this weekend's gathering because she is in the final stages of treatment, her campaign said. Whitman, a billionaire and fellow Silicon Valley executive, gave the party $250 million for voter registration efforts before the convention. She spent much of her weekend trying to deflect attention from her spotty voting record.

Whitman's speech Saturday did not touch on questions that have surrounded the campaign for days, after The Sacramento Bee reported there was no evidence she had ever registered to vote before 2002 and she had not registered as a Republican until 2007.

Former congresswoman Tom Campbell speaks at a news conference during the Calif. Republican Convention Indian Wells, Calif., on Saturday. Campbell is seeking the governor nomination.

World & Nation

Calif. GOP looks to 2010 races
Republicans host convention to search for governor, U.S. senate candidates

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Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — California Republicans spent much of their weekend conventions courting over the battered party's future and debating a plan of attack for 2010, when they hope to capitalize on anti-incumbent fever and growing discontent over President Barack Obama's health care proposals.

With the attention during their three-day convention at a resort near Palm Springs was on the three GOP gubernatorial candid­ates, former day chief executive Meg Whitman, state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and former five-term con­gressman Tom Campbell.

They sought to contrast their Republican credentials with messages that were characterized with the flashier tone of the man they're hoping to succeed, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose term ends in 2011.

The moderate GOP governor has never been well­liked among the party stalwarts who dominate such conven­tions. Schwarzenegger did little to repair that relationship during a brief address Friday night, particularly when he mentioned the landmark global warming law he signed in 2006.

Many Republicans oppose the law to curb greenhouse gas emissions because they say it will be too costly for businesses.

In a jab against Schwarzenegger and other moderates, a punchy Poizner urged delegates not to let outsiders sway the direction of the party.

"Don't let people come in here and tell you how much he hopes to generate through the increased growth he says that would spur.

Meanwhile, the Republican race to challenge liberal stalwart Barbara Boxer for her U.S. Senate seat next year also gained momentum this weekend after Carly Fiorina, the former Hewlett-Packard chief executive, announced she is exploring a run.

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Students recognize banned books week

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Notre Dame participated for the first time in Banned Books Week, which begins today, with a reading of Red Out Thursday, Liz Martinez, organ­izer of the Reading Club and Notre Dame sociology graduate stu­dent, said.

"This is the first one at Notre Dame, but it’s been going on for 27 years," Martinez said. The event, started by the American Library Association in 1982, was near the reflecting pool in front of the library.

Martinez said a personal motivation and her in-depth study of the sociology of the First Amendment helped her in creating the event.

The freedom of expression is the foundation for everything else that we do, from politics to the freedom of the education," Martinez said.

Martinez said she wanted to call attention to the fact that people take freedom of expres­sion for granted. The effort behind banning books is to protect chil­dren, which everyone respects that. But they shouldn’t limit other people’s choices.

Doug Archer, Notre Dame Reference and Peace Studies librarian and chair of the American Library Association’s Intellectual Freedom Committee, also helped bring the event together.

This Banned Books Read Out is a chance to celebrate the freedom to read — an essential corollary of the First Amendment rights of free speech and a free press," Archer said. "As in life, the freedom to read is one of the most valuable freedoms.

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"All it takes to have a BBW read out is at least one interested person to start the ball rolling," Archer said. "They are held in libraries and bookstores in hundreds of locations around the U.S."

The books read at the Read Out by students were chosen off of two lists — the 10 most chal­lenged books in 2006-7 and the 100 most challenged books of all time, Martinez said.

Books included excerpts from the "Harry Potter" series, "1984" and "The Catcher in the Rye." Banned Books Week happens all across the country on the last week of September, Martinez said.

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College hosts Alzheimer’s walk

Group aims to raise $20,000; some 125 people participate

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

The Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association held the one-mile walk on the College’s campus Sunday.

Across the United States, 72 chapters of the Alzheimer’s Association put on ‘Memory Walks’ to raise money aware­ness for the disease.

The Indiana chapter hosts 12 ‘Memory Walks’ throughout the state each year with a goal of raising $1.1 million statewide.

For Sunday’s event, the goal was to raise $20,000. Michael Sullivan of the Indiana Chapter said the funds were “very close to the goal, right around $20,000,” but a final tally would not be avail­able for a few days until the last minute donations collected at the walk were counted.

The walk raises money through teams that are nor­mally groups of families or cor­porations directly affected by the disease. Many corpora­tions are health professionals, like yesterday’s second place award winner, Ironwood Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Families will often create a team to support grandma, because she has the disease. Or someone like a husband whose wife gets the disease and he gets angry and wants to do something about it,” Sullivan said.

These people are personally affected by the disease and are motivated to gain support, so they get people they know to form a team. The team is either sup­ported by members who walk, or donations. Donations are allocated to educational efforts, research and advocacy for Alzheimer’s Disease. These efforts are greatly supported by the Memory Walks, as their funds account for 50 percent of the Association’s budget.

The South Bend Chapter’s first walk attracted 125. The teams walked the one-mile loop that was dotted with signs displaying facts about the dis­ease. At the end of the walk, awards were given to the three highest fundraising teams and the highest fundraising individ­ual.

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answer for Floyd and Allen’s absences. Junior receiver took

snapshots out of the widefield forma­tion and di­

field, finishing with over 100 yards and one touchdown from the backfield.

"Having Golden and Robert Hughes in the backfield seemed to be an effective way to mix things up, especially in the first half," freshman Rob Kirck said.

Students said Cist was an admirable substitute for Clausen, leading the Irish on the field with Tato.

"He took care of the football and did his job well," Skorup said.

When the Irish offense took over possession with 3:41 remaining in the fourth quar­ter, quarterback Jimmy Clausen returned to the game and orchestrated the game­winning drive. On fourth down, Clausen threw a two-yard strike, hooking up with tight end Kyle Rudolph for the touchdown.

"Jimmy was in command. He showed great leadership," Skorup said.

"I couldn’t believe it. Clausen for Heisman," Kirk added.

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Gas prices drop nearly 7 cents

Gas prices dropped nearly 7 cents over a two-week period in San Francisco, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report.

The report, which tracks gas prices in 347 metropolitan areas, found that the average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gas in the San Francisco Bay Area dropped to $2.16, down from $2.23 the previous week.

The largest price drop was in San Francisco, where the price fell from $2.26 to $2.16, a decrease of 10 cents. San Jose and Oakland also saw significant price drops, with prices falling from $2.28 to $2.18 in San Jose and from $2.30 to $2.20 in Oakland.

The report also noted that gas prices have been on a downward trend since mid-August, with prices falling in 43 states in the past four weeks.

AAA spokesman Ken Hansen said the drop in gas prices is likely due to a combination of factors, including a decrease in demand, an increase in refining capacity, and a decrease in crude oil prices.

Hansen said that while gas prices have been falling, they are still higher than they were a year ago, and motorists should continue to plan ahead for high gas prices in the months ahead.

He added that the drop in gas prices is likely to be temporary, and that prices could start rising again as winter approaches.

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The EIA report said that the increase in gas prices is due to a combination of factors, including a decrease in production, an increase in demand, and a decrease in crude oil prices.

Hansen said that while the EIA report is accurate, he noted that gas prices are still lower than they were a year ago, and that motorists should continue to plan ahead for high gas prices in the months ahead.

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ZURICH — Director Roman Polanski, 76, was arrested in Switzerland as he was about to board a plane from the United States for having sex in 1977 with an underage girl, authorities said Sunday.

Polanski was scheduled to return to Los Angeles on Sunday for the festival when he was apprehended Saturday at the airport, the Swiss Justice Ministry said in a statement. It said U.S. authorities have sought the arrest of the 76-year-old director around the world since 2005.

"There was a valid arrest request and we know when he was coming," ministry spokesman Guido Balmer told The Associated Press. "That's why he was taken into custody.

Polanski, the director of such classic films as "Chinatown" and "Rosemary's Baby," fled the U.S. for France in 1978, a year after pleading guilty to having sex with a minor and staying out of the country with the underage girl.

Police said Sunday a U.S. appeals court in California to overturn a judges refusal to throw out his case. He claims misconduct by the now-deceased judge who had arranged a plea bargain and then reneged on it.

In an interview with Swiss Radio SRF, Polanski, who long ago identified herself publicly, said "I had no choice, I am being put in jail," Polanski said, bidding for dismissal, saying she wants the case to be thrown out his case. He claims the "substantial misconduct" in a case because the director failed to appear in court to press his request, but said there was an ongoing investigation, which he described as the handling of the original case.

In his ruling, Espinoza said he reviewed not only Polanski's bid to throw out the case because the director failed to appear in court to press his request, but said there was an ongoing investigation, which he described as the handling of the original case.

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Polanski has lived for the past three decades in France, where his career has continued to flourish; he received a directing Oscar in absentia for the 2002 movie "The Pianist." He is married to French actress Emanuelle Seigner, with whom he has two children.

He has avoided traveling to the United States since 1978, until the conclusion of the extradition proceedings. The United States has been seeking Polanski's extradition for more than three decades.

Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf said the director has not been subject to extradition until the conclusion of the extradition proceedings. The United States has been seeking Polanski's extradition for more than three decades.

"There is no link with any other issues in question," she told The AP.

Investigators in the U.S. have been trying for two decades to get him to return to the U.S. for a formal trial.

Balmer also rejected that the arrest was somehow aimed at Polanski's French lawyer, Georges Kiejman, told France Inter radio that it was "no early to say," he said, Polanski would be extradited.

The proceedings must take their course," he said Sunday. "For now we are trying to have the arrest warrant lifted in Zurich."

Kijanier later told The Associated Press that Polanski did not flee Switzerland. The Associated Press was not able to reach the Polanski representatives.

Polanski's arrest, faces extradition

Associated Press

PORLAMAR, Venezuela — Hugo Chavez made diplomatic overtures to Africa on Sunday by offering Venezuela's help in oil projects, mining and financial cooperation.

Chavez and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi led about 30 leaders in agreeing to strengthen "South-South" ties at the two-day meeting, where Gadhafi proposed the two continents form a NATO-like defense alliance.

"With this summit, a new era begins in the unity of South America and Africa," the Venezuelan president said.

Venezuela signed agreements to work together on oil projects with South Africa, Mauritania, Niger, Sudan and Cape Verde. Chavez's government agreed to partner with South Africa's state oil company Petrosa in developing oil fields in Venezuela, and offered to help with oil projects in the other countries.

"Venezuela also intends to form joint mining companies with nations including Namibia, Angola, Niger and Mauritania," Chavez said, adding that "we're getting our prices." Chavez said the two regions together have enormous economic potential.

"It is unclear how much investment and aid Chavez is prepared to offer," said a source who had been involved in oil- producing countries' meetings.

The summit on Venezuela's Margarita Island addressed a wide range of concerns, from hunger in Africa to the economic crisis and a common response to climate change. It also gave Chavez an opportunity to broaden his influence in Africa while criticizing U.S. and European influence in poorer nations.

There will no longer be a unipolar world," Chavez said, referring to U.S. dominance. "In the 21st century, the African Union and South America will be truly great powers."

"Who is making his first visit to Latin America, said the master's are in the North and in the South are the slaves."

Gadhafi denounced the U.N. Security Council as an elite club where nations such as Libya have no voice, and called for the two continents to unite to demand change — something all the leaders agreed to do in a statement issued Sunday. The council should be more "democratic," he said.

The Libyan leader said leading world powers, without mentioning which countries, "They say they face terrorism. "They're correct, because every nation themselves have created the phenomenon."

In the South, they live in a state of terror as a result of the hatred they've generated," said Gadhafi, who said a larger role for African and South American countries can help restore "equilibrium at the international level."

President from Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe agreed on a need for U.N. reform, and called for unity with a strong voice.

"Africa with more than 1 billion inhabitants who want to be heard," said Lula.

The Brazilian president urged countries in the Africa-South America bloc — dubbed ASA — to "stop guiding ourselves by the compass of the developed countries." He said closer integration will help the two regions confront the economic crisis.

"We have to create a new international system, and we're doing it," Chavez said.

South American leaders signed an agreement to create a regional development bank with $20 billion in startup capital, and Chavez vowed to create a "South-South bank" with $10 billion in capital.

Chavez said Venezuela signed an agreement with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization offering agricultural assistance to Africa, from seeds to help with irrigation systems.

"South-South" cooperation was a buzzword at the summit, which brought together both the African Union and the South American bloc.

Session III

Student hands-on Grant Writing Workshop: Wednesday, September 30 3:30-4:30 pm, Coffee House, Geddes Hall

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Need some advice and a fresh pair of eyes?

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Questions?
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This event is FREE and open to ALL students. Please bring a copy of your grant proposal — this is a hands-on workshop.
Smart kidnapper expects life

Associated Press

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — In letters written to her mother, the woman charged in the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart has sought forgiveness for any pain she has caused and says she expects to spend the rest of her life in prison.

Wanda Barzee, 63, however, makes just one reference to Smart in the 12 letters obtained by The Associated Press. And she doesn't provide details about the nine months the girl allegedly spent with her and her now-estranged husband Brian David Mitchell.

"In one of these letters, Wanda is remembering the six months in the salt for the first time, " said Barzee's mother, 88-year-old Dora Corbett, who provided letters sent between July 2002 and August 2009 to The AP. "She doesn't talk about him. She just remembers him and she never talks about him in any of the letters."

But Barzee writes of repentance only when discussing her desire to be released from a prison where she's been in custody since 2008. She has sought a religious prophecy he filled before finally finding a use for it.

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A recent "Scholastic" piece addressed tensions in the Notre Dame student/alumni relationship. Highlighting this Freudian strain seems to have replaced our former pastime (past-pass­time?) of bemoaning Notre Dame-South Bend relations. But wait! Edly Street Commons cured that tension, didn't it? Yeah, Chipotle and the Notre Dame Bookstore "outlet" are definitely tal­lowed by low-income families who actually live around the area. Perhaps, however, the answer to the problem between University-community relations does not lie in equal-opportunity shopping. Let's think about it. How many times have you told someone that you attend Notre Dame and received the response, "Where's that?" For Midwesterners, this probably isn't the case, so for your enlightenment: Few people outside of the Midwest realize where Notre Dame is located.

Blahhemi! Holy Mother of Lakes! How could our conspicuous reputation retain such an anonymity of place? At the risk of sounding accusatory, it's our own fault. It relates seamlessly with the Notre Dame-South Bend rela­tions tension.

We don't do a good job of appreciating Indiana. Sure, we can't laud her
doesn't. She can be reached

The railways, the mills, the high­ways, the farms all make the "beauty" of Chicago possible. When we separate our resources too intensely, the pro­duction side is all too often lost to the consumer. America can't send all of our factories to India, which makes Indiana's (albeit sometimes too eager) willingness to house these industries very valuable to the ideas of "national security" that our country superficially touts.

When you are a state that is flat and nonsensical on first glance, it's tough to convince people that it's a great place to build unique character of place. Yet, that same flatness was what drew the original founders of Notre Dame. The Holy Cross brothers saw a land as great for farming, rich in natural resources for building, with flatness that made it easy to build upon. Notre Dame did not exist inde­pendently of Indiana; it was and is a part of the farming state whose heavy industry arrived somewhat later, but whose light industry began around the same time as the founding and con­struction of our very campus. It's why we are here. The Midwest is "simple" because life is fairly simple. Other than tough winters, which have been fought by regional abundances of wood and now coal, there are no major obstacles to living in Indiana. No water shortages, earthquakes, fires, ava­lanches or volcano fears, and even lessened tornado fears because of the Great Lakes.

Perhaps, especially if you've lived in the Midwest for a while, you've noticed Indiana's identity crisis. Some active residents of the state are inextricably a part of, but it also holds its own natu­ral beauty. If we really want to improve rela­tions between Notre Dame and Indiana, we have to venture past Corby's and the Morris Center. Indiana iPhones National Lakeshore, Potato Creek State Park and the St. Joe River Trail are just a few of the many pre­­ served areas with real, complete ecosystems that are just as naturally beautiful and complex as dramatic nat­ural wonders. Try visiting them if you are skeptical that flatness can hold appeal.

Community-campus relations are not going to improve until we all embrace the community. We don't have to love everything the state does, but if we stop pretending we aren't a part of it, it's a lot easier to work to help improve the things it's less appealing parts we may feel squeamish about. And while we're in the process, we might as well appreciate all of the natural and prccte­necal environment Indiana already has to offer.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
My right to free sidewalks

Dear those of you who were screaming on North Quad at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning,

Here at Notre Dame, we spend our fall semesters getting little sleep, trying to balance a heavy academic course load, a decent social life and football games. Our only opportunities to sleep in are Saturday mornings of away-game weekends. Why was it necessary to hold Pyro-lympics on a Saturday, why that early and why were you on North Quad?

In the future, please consider moving this event to Stepan Fields or nearer to Pasquella East at the very least, out of respect for everyone non-Pyro or anyone who values his or her precious sleep. Otherwise, please extend the invitation to everyone on North Quad (or anywhere else you paraded) because Lord knows we were all awake.

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Sept. 26

Second-hand smoke is no joke

I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiments expressed by Brandie Ecker of Pasquilla West in her recent Letter to the Editor. "My right to clean air." (Sept. 24). She speaks for all of us when she says, "I, for one, do not wish to die of cancer in the future." I submit that she has only scratched the surface in requesting a campus-wide smoking ban; the University has been woefully negligent in preventing the spread of cancer from sources even more deadly than outdoor second-hand smoke.

First and foremost, Fr. Jenkins must act now to implement an outright ban on the sucking of tailpipes, which emit dangerous exhaust fumes. The next logical step is the immediate demolition of all laboratory materials, waste and personnel of the Radiological Research Center, which the Vietnamese supporting administration cleverly sandwiched between all the other non-descript buildings of Library Quad in the 1960s.

Additionally, the purification of our campus’ most vital and least-used natural resource is long overdue. The addition of Cyanuric Acid stabilizer to St. Mary’s and St. Joseph's Lakes would bring that long-stagnant water from the incredibly hazardous level of 15 PPM Cyanuric Acid to the relatively safe level of 990 PPM.

Once these initial steps have been taken, the University needs to protect students from skin cancer, which recently surpassed even outdoor second-hand smoke in the World Health Organization’s annual Cancer Lethality Charts. I propose the distribution and mandatory use of adult-sized, UV-protective, breathable hamster balls for all members of the Notre Dame family.

Importantly, this bold initiative for student safety can be paid for without an increase in tuition to families who make under $25,000 or a dip into the University’s vast, vast reserves of cash and priceless artifacts. That’s because it respects the right to choose: those students and alumni who decline the health benefits of the hamster ball may buy out for the cost of their Notre Dame degree.

As that 20th-century titan of industry C. Montgomery Burns famously said, "Mankind has always dreamed of destroying the sun." In order to expedite the conversion of that dream to reality, the University of Notre Dame needs to take a leading role in the age-old war between man and nature. The time is now. What would you fight for?

Tom Dybicz
senior
off campus
Sept. 24
I in sand­wich and tackled you into the bushes in the sweet with its movie posters, futon, fridge and televi­sion, but in a few weeks, you realized one missing fea­ture: The sleep­ing puppy curled up on the bed. Since non-car­nivorous fish in the dorn are not par­ticularly lovable, it’s understandable to be missing Sparky. With three weeks left until Fall Break, here’s some ways to cure that home­sickness for your dog, or get excited to see that tail wagging when you greet him in October.

Dailypuppy.com: Baskets, boxes and beagles ... where better to find them then dailypuppy.com, “your daily fix for puppy pictures.” Everyday the site features a new adorable puppy, and you can vote for him by clicking on the biscuits. Most puppies get 10 or 11 biscuit votes, truly showing where the cutest puppies are on the Web.

YouTube: A quick YouTube hit of the words “puppy” or “dog” yields some golden­en moments. Want to see a dog run into his reflection in a mirror? “Puppy v. Mirror” has got it covered. Or how about a puppy struggling to roll over? Check out “Puppy Can’t Roll Back the Call.” Or all “Catie Puppy Whistle,” in which a 3-week-old Labrador attempts to whistle. 3 million hits.

Pet the Fisher Hall basset hound. She may be a lit­tle em­barrass­ing but de­fin­i­tely loves belly rubs.

Volunteer at the St. Joseph’s County Humane Society through Circle K. These dogs are cooped up in cages all days, just dying for some attention. Do yourself, and the dog, a treat by walking them around the shelter a little. Don’t forget the pooper scooper.

Framed photos: In high school, chemistry always seemed a little easier when Spot was offering encour­agement by your side. Though he can’t be there during turgid study sessions, a little photograph of your dog can be a nice reminder that midterms are almost over and games of fetch just around the corner.

Watch “Homeward Bound” or “101 Dalmatians”: These two movies are not as funny as a college stu­dent as a five­year-old, but they are still classics. And who knows? Maybe your dog is making his own “incredible journey” like Shadow and Chance to find you in South Bend, Ind.

So curl up on the futon, grab a copy of “101 Dalmatians,” and remember that your dog is ready to give you a big lick on the face when his best friend comes home.

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Late touchdown to Rudolph allows Irish to sneak past Purdue, 24-21

By ALEX BARKER
Associated Press Editor

Plagued by a number of injuries at a multitude of positions, Notre Dame didn't look like itself Saturday night. But just as the hope of a victory began to fade, a familiar face came to the rescue.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen led the Irish on a no-yardage drive that yielded two less-than-impressive drives that yielded just three points, thanks in part to Purdue penalties.

On his first play from scrimmage for the Irish (3-1), Crist called his own number, dashing for a 16-yard gain. He finished with 23 yards rushing on the night.

"I thought [Crist] did a nice job," Weis said. "There were a couple throws he would like back, but I thought he really managed the game well." After recording just one catch in the first quarter, Tate's role quickly shifted from receiver to running back. The junior took seven snaps from the Wildcat formation, as well as the featured back behind Crist, in the second quarter, running for 50 yards and a score.

Junior Robert Hughes also took on a much bigger role in the offense for the first time this season. With the starting backfield of junior Armando Allen and senior James Aldridge out with injuries, Hughes led the Irish with 68 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries.

"Our focus was on running the ball and keeping possession," Hughes said. "We wanted to keep Purdue's offense on the sideline." Sophomore Jonas Gray got the start for Notre Dame at tailback, but received just four carries after the first quarter. He finished with 27 yards on nine carries.

The Irish offense had a strong showing in the second quarter with the implementation of their Wildcat formation, but it was the defense that stepped up when the offense sputtered.

After a poor effort on the first drive of the game that resulted in an 80-yard Boilermaker touchdown drive, the defense stiffened a strong Purdue running game the rest of the way.

Boilermaker running back Ralph Bolden, who was ranked second nationally in rushing yards heading into the game, was held to just 67 yards on the ground.

On the flipside, junior wide receiver Kyle Smith's second nationally in rushing yards heading into the game, was held to just 67 yards on the ground.

"We talked about a few situations during the timeout," Weis said of the play. "We were trying to figure out if we wanted to take a delay of game or draw them off sides. We had a lot of exotic punt formations we could have tried, but I have no regrets other than the fact that we didn't get the first down.

In the fourth quarter, the game slowly began to take on that same too-close-for-comfort feeling that has become a staple for the Irish games this season.

Purdue (1-3) wasted no time taking advantage of the faltering Irish offense, scoring on its first drive of the fourth quarter, a 59-yard drive culminating with Smith's touchdown catch to pull within four.

Two possessions later, the game looked to be swinging irrevocably in Purdue's direction. The Boilermakers scored another touchdown, this time a 38-yard reception by senior running back Jaycen Taylor, who waltzed in for the score after being left completely unguarded on the sideline.

However, for the second straight week, the Purdue defense was unable to keep its opponent out of the end zone in the final minutes to clinch a win.

While the Irish victory was anything but convincing, Weis isn't concerned as long as his team keeps winning.

"That's three weeks in a row you come down to the last minute of the game," he said. "Would you like the game to be easier than that? Yes, absolutely, but give me a close win any-time of the week, I'll take it."
report card

quarterback: Even though it was Jimmy Clausen’s least impressive statistical game, the junior showed guts leading a game-winning drive. Backup Dayne Crist played mistake-free football.

running back: Even without leading rusher Armando Allen, Notre Dame rushed for 167 yards. Robert Hughes was the way with a bruising 68 yards on 15 carries and Jonas Gray had another 27 yards.

receivers: Golden Tate played well from wherever he lined up, but no one stepped up in Michael Floyd’s absence. Duval Kamara had a couple costly penalties but blocked well.

offensive line: Penalties continue to be an issue for this unit, but run blocking continued to be successful. Four sacks was a step back in pass protection for Clausen and Crist.

defensive line: The front four was able to close more holes in the running game and limit Ralph Bolden, but more consistent pressure is still needed.

linebackers: Darius Fleming and Brian Smith made more plays in the backfield than in any other game this season. Toryan Smith struggled in pass coverage and tackling.

defensive back: Darrin Walls picked off a pass, but this unit made Joey Elliott look better than he really is. The secondary struggled at times in run support.

special teams: Nick Tausch converted his only field goal attempt and had better distance on his kickoffs. Mautz struggled early punting but had a solid second half.

coaching: Tenuta showed more variety in bringing pressure and dropping line backers into coverage. Weis has success with creative packages to compensate for injuries.

overall: Another ugly win, but a huge victory for an injury-plagued Irish team on the road.

adding up the numbers

Straight wins by the Irish when they outscore their opponent, who are 16-0 when winning the rushing battle under Charlie Weis.

46 Years since the Notre Dame-Purdue game had failed to sellout in West Lafayette. Attendance was 59,082.

Rushing yards for Notre Dame in the second quarter on 16 carries by four different ball carriers.

0 The number of passing yards in the two touchdown-drives in the second quarter. The Irish attempted just one pass in those drives.

24 Plays directed by Jimmy Clausen before the fourth quarter while the junior quarterback was limited by a turf toe injury.

16 Games won in Notre Dame history on the road with 25 seconds or less time remaining in regulation.

147 Consecutive pass attempts without an interception for Clausen before getting picked off in the second quarter.

3 Clausen’s rank among Notre Dame’s career touchdown leaders after adding the late score on Saturday.

The 2011 Irish proved they can win in 2009. We saw Dayne Crist play passably well. We saw Jonas Gray show he can run and receive. We saw the offense, without Armando Allen and with a hobbled Jimmy Clausen, prove that it can win a close game. Despite injuries, despite offensive troubles, they won.

The 2009 defense proved to have some work to do. There were flashes. Brian Smith had a big stop on third down. Darrin Walls had an acrobatic interception. Once again, Kyle McCarthy led the team in tackles. When Manti Te’o played, he disrupted plays. The defensive line, which didn’t pressure Michigan State’s Kirk Cousins and had trouble containing Michigan’s Tate Forcier, got pressure on Joey Elliott.

It’s conceivable they could buckle down and stiffen opposing offenses this season. Notre Dame has the personnel. They have Jon Tenuta, maestro of some effective, tenacious defenses in the past, calling the shots. Tenuta can call any blitz he wants and the athletes can track down any offensive player they want, but unless they tackle, it’s all for naught.

Tackle. I don’t mean wrapping someone up until your boys sprint over and bail you out. I don’t mean launching yourself horizontal to the ground and hoping for the best. I mean a proper form tackle, hips low, shoulders square, wrapping up around the thighs so he can’t dance away.

Did Terry Tate ever pause next to a tackle to arm-tackle someone around the shoulders, or rocket himself past a lazy worker and crash through the conference room window? No. He form-tackled. This was a game where the Irish needed their defense at its best. Without Allen, the leading rusher, the offense used Gray and Robert Hughes, both capable players but neither able to replicate Allen’s production.

Clausen was visibly bothered by the turf toe in his right foot. He couldn’t step into his throws like usual, and passes he completes with his eyes closed missed their mark. Crist did what was asked of him, completing 5-of-10 passes for 45 yards. The coaches simplified the playbook for Crist, who saw his first meaningful game experience, rolling him out to avoid pressure and giving him quick reads.

Turns out Clausen had enough juice in his toe to fire a 97-mile-per-hour bullet to Kyle Rudolph. But that’s not the point.

With the offense struggling, the defense could have made a statement. Instead, they made several. They held Ralph Bolden, at one point this season the nation’s leading rusher, to 67 yards on 17 carries. But they also allowed Elliott to pass for 289 yards and three touchdowns.

They got a key stop when they needed it, on the second-to-last play, in emphatic fashion. But they also left Jaycen Taylor all alone near the left hash to run 38 yards untouched for a go-ahead touchdown with less than four minutes remaining.

You could say the players need to buckle down and take pride in their play, or whatever cliché usually gets thrown around here. You could put it on the coaches, say they need to drill the players in the fundamentals.

But I’m not. The Irish won. It’s irrelevant. Charlie Weis knows that, so do the players. It’s just something to keep in mind for Washington. Something to help the cause: increase the dosage of Manti. He’s quick, he’s strong, he’s the best blitzer the Irish have. He plays middle linebacker, a position that allows him to impose his will on the offense no matter what the play.

He’ll be around with those 2011 Irish. But he can contribute in 2009.

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Second string shines in late win

Irish sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist hands off to junior running back Robert Hughes. Both filling in for injured starters, Crist was 5-for-10 for 45 yards passing, while Hughes ran the ball 15 times for 68 yards.

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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For the storybook ending, it was the usual cast of Notre Dame stars that connected to give the Irish a 24-21 win at Purdue. But before Jimmy Clausen and Kyle Rudolph’s heroics, it was an unheralded set of Irish backups that staked the injury-plagued team to an early 17-7 lead and set the stage.

Crist managed the game very well.

Charlie Weis Irish coach

Jimmy Clausen had the ball and wanted to run people over. With the Irish up 10-7, the second possession with Crist under center featured a combination of Tate lined up in the Wildcat, Hughes pounding the ball, and freshman Theo Riddick making a big 24-yard run around the right edge of the line.

"I was encouraged with both the running backs practiced this week," Weis said. "I practiced Jonas and Robert a whole bunch, and I thought we would end up getting some good production today.

While it was Clausen who led the clutch game-winning drive in the fourth quarter, the big contributions from deeper on the depth chart continued. Senior Robby Parris, whose role has expanded since the season-ending injury to sophomore Michael Floyd, made a critical catch on the sideline for an Irish first down on third and 14.

"All of us have to step up to the best of our abilities and just perform," Hughes said.

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Purdue 7, Notre Dame 0
Aaron Voelkel 36-yard pass from Joey Elliott (Cameron Wiggs kick) with 13:41 remaining. Drive: 14 plays, 69 yards, 3:57 elapsed.

Purdue 7, Notre Dame 3
Nick Tausch 34-yard field goal with 2:23 remaining. Drive: 10 plays, 60 yards, 3:57 elapsed.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 10, Purdue 7
Robert Hegyes 24-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen (Tausch kick) with 10:43 remaining. Drive: 9 plays, 73 yards, 4:07 elapsed.

Notre Dame 17, Purdue 7
Golden Tate 14-yard run with 4:43 remaining. Drive: 7 plays, 82 yards, 3:49 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 17, Purdue 14

Purdue 21, Notre Dame 17
Jason Taylor 29-yard pass from Eliott (Wiggs kick) with 1:24 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 69 yards, 1:24 elapsed.

Notre Dame 24, Purdue 21
Kyle Rudolph 25-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen (Tausch kick) with 2:25 remaining. Drive: 12 plays, 72 yards, 3:16 elapsed.

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Four offensive starters battle injuries

By ALEX BARKER
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Notre Dame’s offensive production took a big hit against Purdue as four starters sat out much of not all of the game.

Senior fullback James Aldridge (shoulder), junior fullback Armando Allen (ankle) and sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd (collarbone) each missed Saturday’s game. While Aldridge and Floyd took on for an extended period of time, Allen’s injury doesn’t seem to be too serious.

"I think Armando surprised me how close he looked during pregame," Weis said Sunday. "I wasn’t expecting him to look as good as he was. He was thinking about playing in the game (Saturday) and I think he thought he could have played. He’ll be ready to (practice) Tuesday. But I don’t think there will be any hesitations.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen (turf toe) started the game, but only took 24 snaps, over after missing the second, third and part of the fourth quarters. He looked to be hobbling for much of the game due to the injury he suffered against Michigan State.

"(Clausen’s) toe is a lot better today that it was last week," Weis said. "Last week it was really swollen. He’s been in a boot for a few days, but today he’s not in a boot. His swelling is down.

We are going to try to get through this week so we can give him some rest next week during the bye week.

Another streak gone

For the second straight week, the Irish were able to avoid a losing streak, this time a five-game road losing streak against Big Ten opponents.

"This was a huge win for us, especially on the road," Rudolph said. "We don’t want that label on us as a team that can’t go on the road and win games. To pull this one out is huge for us confidence wise.

The last time Notre Dame knocked off a Big Ten opponent on the road came against Michigan State Sept. 25, 2006 when the Irish defeated the Spartans 48-27 in a game that also came down to the final minutes.

Mixing it up

Weis said some of the different looks shown against Purdue were to help compensate for the absence of Michael Floyd and Allen from the offense.

"We put in a lot of stuff this week, and a lot was injury related," Weis said. "You’re going into a game after losing Michael where people could roll to Golden, what’s one way you can compensate for that? Put him in the backfield.

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A narrow escape

A week after Notre Dame narrowly avoided its second straight heartbreaker by holding off Michigan State, the Irish found out how it feels to be on the other side of a last-minute comeback. A hobbled Jimmy Clausen delivered a gutsy performance in leading a banged-up offense down the field, and the 12 play, 72-yard drive ended with a fourth-and-goal touchdown pass to tight end Kyle Rudolph. This came immediately after Purdue took the lead on a 38-yard touchdown pass from Joey Elliott to a wide-open Jaycen Taylor that exploited a broken Irish coverage with less than four minutes to play. The Irish led 17-7 at the half, but with Clausen out and Dayne Crist in, the offense failed to score in the second half until that final drive. With featured back Armando Allen out with an ankle injury, the Irish used Robert Hughes, Jonas Gray, Theo Riddick and even star wide receiver Golden Tate as tailbacks, with Hughes scoring from two yards out and Tate scoring on a 14-yard run out of the Wildcat formation to give the Irish a second-quarter lead.
First, we had "Guitar Hero," the against-all-odds success story that brought silly plastic guitars into living rooms nationwide, in Game of Thrones. Along came "Rock Band," which brought the rest of the fake plastic rock instruments into the fake plastic tour bus. The latest installment of a career book's virtual trip to the top is "Guitar Hero 5," the long-overdue title that finally leaves little to be desired.

As with all of the rock band rhythm games, "Guitar Hero 5" has Career Mode, where you start a band and progress from the dive bars of the country to sold-out amphitheaters full of cheering fans. Unlike its counterpart "Rock Band" (and "Rock Band 2"), bands don't earn money and fans at their performances, instead unlocking the next songs and stages, as well as customizable content for the characters and their instruments.

One of the huge improvements of this installment is the character management system. The options for your character are endless—unlike previous editions, where you got your pick between various stereotypical rocker avatars, almost every single aspect of your person is customizable. All of the faces can be changed, from eye color to nostril size. You can make a flawless glam star or a horridly sewed-lurker. Once you've settled on a face, you go on to body features, clothes, silly accessories, instruments, even logos, and microphones, and even logos for your character as well as your band. While it's great to have control over all the details, you can easily get carried away and end up spending your time playing dress-up. Another valuable addition to the game play is the challenges feature, which is an in-song task to accomplish, resulting in a reward of extra content. These challenges are generally for one instrument, having to do with the particular nuances of the song. For example, in a tremolo-filled "In My Place" by Coldplay, the challenge is for the guitarist to use the controller's tremolo feature as much as possible throughout, as opposed to "Fame" by David Bowie, which is a challenge for the vocalist to "nail the descending Farnes at the end of the song." This gives the already-challenging game more depth and another aspect to play for.

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Scene Writer

The Informant: Not So Corny Humor

By CORNELIUS ROGERS
Scene Writer

Steven Soderbergh is one of the few Hollywood directors whose films walk the thin line between supernacer blockbusters and artistic independent films. His latest film, "The Informant!" is no exception. In it, he tells a tale of corporate crime that is slightly comedic, shockingly tragic, and simply confusing.

After Soderbergh's success with his Ocean's trilogy ("Ocean's Eleven," "Ocean's Twelve," "Ocean's Thirteen") he teamed up with Matt Damon, an Ocean's alumni. Damon plays Mark Whitacre, an employee of ADM, a corn processing plant, who turns corporate whistleblower. Screenwriter Scott Z. Burns ("The Bourne Ultimatum") adapts the screenplay from a book of the same name, written by journalist Kurt Eichenwald. The events that take place on-screen are based on a true story, but just how many liberties have been taken with it are anybody's guess.

Damon gives a very convincing performance as the protagonist of the film. In addition to packing on several pounds for the role, Damon's acting captures the many shades of Whitacre's character—nerd, secret agent and pathological liar.

While the other actors in the movie are not big time stars like Damon, viewers will be happy to see some television comedy stars on the silver screen. Joel McHale, of "The Soup" fame, and Tony Hale, "Arrested Development's" Buster, give decent performances. Other than that the rest of the characters in the story lack emotional depth and appear two-dimensional.

By far the film's greatest strength is its cinematography. Soderbergh has an eye for softly lit sets combined with clever camera shots. One shot begins upside down then flips 180 degrees right side up as a red Porsche zooms by. Supplementing the visual eye candy is a stellar 60s sound-track.

While the visual aesthetics are easy on the eyes, the storyline is not so easy on the average viewer's brain. The movie starts out with a simple enough premise—Whitacre agreeing to wear a wire for the FBI to provide information to bring his company down. But then the premise snowballs as Whitacre has not been upfront with everyone. The audience is left to discover who is really telling the truth.

What makes the story even more depressing is that it's non-fiction. It is one thing to watch a fictional movie company engage in a global price-fixing scheme to swindle billions of dollars. It is another to remember this actually happened. As the end credits roll on the screen, viewers come to the depressing realization that the crooks behind the corporate scheme at ADM were only given three years in a white-collar prison. Worst of all, the chief architect of this scheme who embezzled millions of dollars was only given nine years in prison. As the president of another company.

One is not sure what Steven Soderbergh is trying to say about corporate crime. Is it comedic? Is it disgusting? Perhaps the intention of the film is to be deliberately ambiguous. All in all, "The Informant!" delivers something too serious to be labeled a comedy and not straightforward enough to be labeled a drama, leaving it out to dry in no man's land.

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The Informant
Warner Bros. Pictures

Director: Steven Soderbergh
Starring: Matt Damon, Joel McHale, Eddie Jemison, Lucas McHugh Carroll, and Craig Ricci Shaynak

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st. louis — aaron rodgers stayed on his feet. the st. louis rams went down again.

rodgers set up two touchdown passes and ran for another sunday, and the green bay-packers defense did its part. ram quarterback bluger took 13th straight loss — now the longest streak in the n-p-i — with a 5-12 game.

rodgers was 13 for 26 for 296 yards and hit on three long passes in the first road game of the season for green bay (2-1). aaron rodgers completed a high 10 times in the first two games, and played behind a patchwork offensive line.

rodgers was sacked just twice, both times in the first quarter by leonard little.

"they really gave me some time," rodgers said of his line-

men. "i was able to move in the pocket.

the rams (0-3) have lost 30 of 33 since the start of the 2007 season. with detroit's 19-14 win over washington ending the lions' 19-game skid. st. louis' losing streak is now the longest.

rodgers and greg jennings hooked up on passes of 50 and 53 yards on the rams first touchdown for down by green bay. rodgers had a 46-year pass to donald driver for a 10-yard score, and he scored on a 4-

yard run.

"it was big plays on defense that killed us and the turnovers — we didn't get any take-

aways," rams coach steve spagnuolo said after his first home game since taking over as coach.

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An official review confirmed Lewis's feet were inbounds, sending the sellout crowd into a frenzy.

"I've had some hard losses. This is just another one for the list," Favre's teammate Nate Clements said. "We just have to keep climbing up."

The first five series of the second half: Three points, Favre's first interception, and a turnover on downs. The Vikings (3-0), who gained only 83 yards on Adrian Peterson's 19 carries, still had three time-outs left and were able to force a punt. They got the ball back at their 20 with 89 seconds remaining.

"I didn't say a whole lot," Favre said. "I knew what I was thinking: We blew our chances."

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IN BRIEF

Lions snap 19-game losing streak in win over Skins

ATLANTA — Michelle Stafford had ground down on the bench for the final snap. Dominic Raiola couldn't watch, either.

Greg Lewis leaped for a 32-yard touchdown catch with 2 seconds left while a flattered Favre watched from his stomach, and the Vikings stunned the San Francisco 49ers 27-24 on Sunday to stay unbeaten.

In his first real home game with his new team, Favre overcame a bunch of bad throws and a few more hard hits to his almost 40-year-old body and found that winning touch again.

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The end was as good as the Vikings could have imagined: Brett Favre zipped a pass to a little-used reserve wide receiver in the back of the end zone in the final seconds for a classic Favre finish.

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**Surprising Broncos defeat division rivals**

**NFL**

Palmer, Bengals defeat Steelers for the first time in nearly a decade; Undefeated Giants shut out Tampa Bay

**Associated Press**

OAKLAND, Calif. - Kyle Orton's first NFL start produced a game for the ages, and his Denver Broncos have already moved past their own preseason disappointment.

The Broncos dominated the second half before running late in the fourth quarter to turn back the Cincinnati Bengals. Denver won 31-20, and the Bengals fell to 0-3.

"It's a long time coming," Broncos head coach John Fox said.

The Broncos (1-2) had won their past two games against Cincinnati, dating to a 21-10 victory in December 2006. The Bengals (2-1) won their last game against Denver on Nov. 4, 1995.

Denver's defense held Cincinnati to 137 yards in the game, which featured four turnovers. Caldwell ran for 90 yards on 14 carries for the Broncos.

"We just had a better team today," Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis said.

"When we play them again, we have to be better and eliminate some of the mistakes we have been making," Caldwell said.

The Bengals were held to 137 yards after being held to 49 yards in the first half. Cincinnati running back Cedric Benson was held to 37 yards on 11 carries.

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The Bengals' defense was equally ineffective, allowing the Broncos to score 21 unanswered points after giving up a touchdown to Benched on the first play of the game.

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JONES-DREW'S THREE SCORES LEAD JAGS OVER TEXANS

Jacksonville capitalized on Houston's league-worst rush defense; Kolb, McCoy shine in Eagles victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Maurice Jones-Drew's three scores lead Jacksonville Jaguars to their first victory and trounced all over the half-sick Houston Texans had after their big win last week.

Last week, Jones-Drew's first 100-yard game of the season and first two touchdown to lead the Jaguars over the mistake-prone Texans, 31-24 on Sunday.

Jones-Drew scored the go-ahead touchdown of the first half yard run early in the fourth quarter and finished with 119 yards rushing.

"Each play we got better," Jones-Drew said. "Each time we got to the sideline we got better. We just kept believing in each other and that was the best thing about it ... they jumped out on us real quick. We just were out of sync fighting back. No one believed in us..."

Jacksonville became the third straight team to run over the NFL's worst rush defense. The Texans allowed 190 yards on the ground to Detriot's Titans and 184 on Sunday.

"It's devastating regardless (but) especially so when you let down all your teammates, you can't put it into words," a distraught Harris said.

The Texans had a touchdown nullified nullified two plays earlier that called for offensive pass interference.

The Jaguars were driving with a seven-point lead and 4 1/2 minutes left when Houston's Dunta Robinson forced a fumble by Mike Sims-Walker. What looked like a 64-yard TD.

"We had a different scenario. We ran the ball real hard and our defense gave us opportunities for us to prove why they drafted us. We focused on dominating them," Vill erick. "Vick, who served 18 months in prison on a federal dog-fighting charge, didn't have to wait long to get on the field. He entered to a semi-standing ovation for the second play from scrimmage, was split wide as receiver and came around for a fake reverse."

Overall, Vick got in for 11 plays. He lined up as receiver once, took the snap in shotgun formation nine times and was called under center once. Kolb was on the sideline for the 10 plays Vick was in at QB.

Vick was expected to run Philadelphia's version of the wildcard offense, but McCoy took most of those snaps. With Vick on the field, the Eagles gained a net total of 11 yards. They got 390 with out him. Or McNabb. Or Westbrook.

"We wanted to gradually get him in and get him back to game speed and knock some rust off," Eagles coach Andy Reid said of Vick.

Matt Cassel threw for 327 yards and two TDs for Kansas City. Cassel said he had no plans to hand him the starting job.

"We have the talent to compete with anyone," Cassel said. "We just have to elimi nate the mistakes and do the football and the penalties."

Jacksonville finished with a career-high 499 yards receiv ing, including a 64-yard TD. Celek had 104 yards on eight catches.

The normally-pass-happy Eagles were Kolb ruled out during their first two scoring drives. After Kolb connected on a 10-yard TD pass on third-and-six, three straight running plays moved the ball to the Chiefs 5.

Kevin Vick, who had a 7-yard run on his second snap, fired a pass out of bounds under heavy pressure and took a hard hit. McCoy took the next snap in the wildcard and ran in for his first career TD to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

Kolb hit Jackson for 43 yards on the next possession to move the Eagles into Kansas City territory. Vick handed off to McCoy for an 11-yard run on his only play during the series. Kolb sneaked in the 1 to put Philadelphia ahead 14-0.

The Chiefs took advantage of good field position after the Eagles failed to convert a fourth-and-1 at Kansas City's 44. With Vick watching from the sideline, Kolb rolled out and his pass was knocked down by Mike Vrabel.

Cassel's 13- and TD pass to Mark Bradley cut it to 14-7. The Eagles failed to convert on their first play after the kickoff. Jackson turned Kolb's short pass over the middle into a 64-yard TD to make it 14-14. Jackson dove in the end zone and appeared to land awkwardly on his gimpy groin as he did a half split, but he stayed in.

Kolb zipped a 35-yard TD pass to Celek midway through the fourth quarter to put the Eagles out of reach. Kolb threw for 391 yards, two TDs and three interceptions in a 24-22 loss to Kansas City last week.

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Kolb completed 24 of 34 passes and had a QB rating of 120.6 against the Chiefs.

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Johnson wins in second Chase race

Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Jimmie Johnson dominated again in winning a crucial Chase race.

He's got to win somewhere this time of year on the sports calendar, and the NFL season or the baseball playoff stretch drive. If he doesn't win in our time frame, NASCAR can expect another year where the driver who bores the series into the trophy and celebrating a championship doesn't.

Johnson trampled the competition in the second Chase for the championship race, sweeping the season races at Dover International Speedway to accelerate his bid for an unprecedented fourth straight Sprint Cup title.

"I'm pretty sure that dude is Superman," runner-up Mark Martin said.

He was pretty sure on the cover of the No. 48 Chevrolet. If three champions aren't enough to intimidate the rest of the Chase field, the way he won on Sunday, he had us off our game right then and there. He sent a message: He's just really good.

"Vickers had us off our game right then and there," Martin said.

Johnnie Johnson cut Martin's points lead to 19 on the 40th of the four-year and 44th overall race for the grandstand races in the Chase for the championship.

"I've seen that dude up close and I see why he's so successful," said Martin, Johnson's Hendrick Motorsports teammate. "He works harder at it than anybody else, I think, on the circuit."

No winner of the second Dover race has ever gone on to win the Cup championship. If any driver can reverse that trend, it's Johnson. Much as he did in May, Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet was out in from the majority of the 400-mile race.

"I certainly hope that our performance today scares some people and affects them in a way that benefits us," Johnson said.

Some drivers took nine of the first 11 spots. Martin followed last week's win at New Hampshire with a second-place finish. Juan Pablo Montoya was fourth and Kurt Busch fifth.

Matt Kenseth won the highest non-champion driver at third. Kenseth holds a 10-point lead over Johnson heading into next week at Kansas Speedway.

"This team is really on a roll right now," Johnson said. "I'm happy with the way things have gone so far this year."

Other Chase driver results saw Jeff Gordon finish sixth, Kyle Busch fifth, Tony Stewart sixth and Ryan Newman 10th. Carl Edwards was 11th, Greg Biffle 13th, Brian Vickers 18th and Denny Hamlin 19th.

"It's just two races," Martin said. "I still say that there's 12 in and 12 cap. It might be a challenge for a couple of the ones we've had in November races in the back." Johnson, who tire-tested in August at Dover, won from the pole. He led 298 laps when he won at Dover in May and added another 271 on the 1-mile concrete track Sunday. Johnson won for the fifth time at Dover.

That's right boys, maximum points! This is your year, you!" Johnson said over the radio.

When asked if Johnson crew chief Chad Knaus also won their 15th Chase race, no one is better. He is pretty much the Hitch and the reason why the No. 48 team is going for its record fourth straight title.

"Our team is pretty easily the best," Knaus said.

Easy to see why. Cale Yarborough is the only other driver to win three straight championships and Johnson can move past him with more winning performances like this one over the final eight races. If Johnson is so far in front, he had no idea Joe Gibbs was driving for him. Logano was involved in an early accident that saw his No. 20 barrel-rolling multiple times, damage the result in the race being blown. It looks like he's fine, but the teenage Logano walked away and was fine.

"I'm just trying to show how safe these cars are," Logano said.

Johnson, who won for the first time since July at New Hampshire, and the rest of the contenders off the double-file restarts and the rest never looked back.

"He's in great position, but he's not in first. Even with the 10 bonus points for winning, Martin still holds a slim lead.

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"I'm happy with the result," Martin said. "We just missed it a little bit."

"It's too early in the Chase to rule out any driver as a contender for the championship, but the Hendrick house looks like it fields the teams to beat.

"They're strong everywhere," Hamlin said. "There's no weakness to their team at all.""There are a few guys not to worry about, but Biffie gripped again that Johnson and Montoya had an unfair advantage because they were picked for the tire test. Biffle wanted all 10 Chase drivers to have a shot at testing, or them.

"Look at the guys that didn't tire test. We ran terrible," Biffle said. "It was a complete mess."

"It's the field. If it had us off our game right when we unloaded off the truck.,"

Johnson's tip to the rest of the field? Bring on the complaints.

I hope people are talking about the fact that we tire tested and it's wrong," Johnson said. "All these people can get wound up about stuff that really doesn't matter. We'll keep heads down, keep our blinders on and we'll go to work."

And maybe start clearing another spot in the trophy case.

Johnson wins in second Chase race

NASCAR FOOTBALL

Tebow discharged after concussion

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida quarterback Tim Tebow was ruled out of the hospital and back home Sunday, recovering from the concussion he sustained during the Gators' 47-37 victory at Kentucky.

Tebow was released from the University Medical Center in Lexington, Ky., Sunday morning.

He was held for precautionary reasons. Coach Urban Meyer spent the night in the hospital with Tebow.

"Tim is doing fine this morning," Meyer said. "His CT scans came back and indicated that Tim suffered a concussion. Our medical and athletic training staff will continue to monitor him to determine how much rest and recovery he needs. We will have additional information and updates this week."

Tebow flew back to Gainesville with his family Sunday afternoon.

The top-ranked Gators (4-0) are off next week, then play at LSU on Oct. 10. It might be a few days, maybe longer, before Tebow's status becomes clearer for what could be the toughest game on the defending national champions' schedule.

It would be even tougher without Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and the heart and soul of the Gators.

But his return home was welcomed news for Florida players, coaches and fans who watched Tebow lay motionless on the field at Commonwealth Stadium.

"Everyone is concerned about Tim, and our thoughts and our prayers are with him and his family," said associate head coach and defensive coordinator Charlie Strong, who filled in for Meyer on the head coach's television show Sunday.

The Gators were leading 31-7 in the third quarter and were driving deep in Kentucky territory when defensive end Taylor Wyandham unblocked off the right end and sacked Tebow. As Tebow fell backward, his helmet struck teammate Marcus Gilbert's leg, violently bending his neck forward.

Teammates and trainers rushed to Tebow's side, but several minutes passed before the quarterback sat up with help and then slowly made his way off the field. Florida's medical staff attended to him on the bench, and his parents came down from the stands to join him.

He started vomiting — a common symptom of concussions — and was carted off the field. About a dozen Gators fans showed up at the hospital after the game, standing outside in the rain and wishing the best for Tebow.

The injury ended what had been another impressive performance from the senior. He ran for 123 yards and two touchdowns, and threw for 103 yards and a score — numbers that seemed unimportant the moment Tebow fell.

Backup John Brantley replaced Tebow and completed 4 of 6 passes for 28 yards, including an 8-yard TD pass to Day Cooper in the fourth quarter.

If Tebow isn't able to play against the Tigers, Brantley would make his first career start.

The 6-foot-3 sophomore from Atlanta has completed 73 percent of his passes for 232 yards, with four touchdowns and one interception, this season. Although Brantley has played mostly in mop-up duty, Meyer's plan all along was to get him meaningful snaps every game.

Now, they could really count. The Gators say they have nothing but confidence in Brantley.

"If you look at our future, it's going to be John Brantley," Meyer said.

It might be hard for Tebow to make his words stick after he missed two practices of another pass team. Of course, they need to get their receivers healthy to make that happen.

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Certainly, the offense would change under Brantley. The Gators, second in the nation in rushing (307.0 yards a game), would probably become more of a passing team. Of course, they need to get their receivers healthy to make that happen.

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Shaq gets party in Cleveland

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Shaq got in one last party before training camp.

Shaquille O’Neal, the big man Cleveland is counting on to deliver this championship-starved city a title, was welcomed to town Sunday with a star-studded party that included sports celebrities and Average Joes looking to rub elbows with them.

Fashionably late, O’Neal arrived in an SUV at 11:15 p.m. as fans, one of them holding a life-size cardboard cutout of O’Neal in an Orlando Magic uniform, cheered on the sidewalks and took pictures of the town’s newest superstar, who will be teammates with reigning league MVP LeBron James.

O’Neal has had a good first impression of Cleveland.

“It’s a nice town,” he said. “The entertainment is already here. Everything is here. The Browns are here, LeBron is here and now I’m here.”

The 37-year-old O’Neal was acquired by the Cavaliers in June, shortly after the team was eliminated by Orlando in the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Cavs, who open camp Monday, feel he is the missing piece to help James win his first title and Cleveland’s first in a major sport since 1964.

The Cavs won 66 games in the regular season, 10 in the playoffs and still came up short last season.

With O’Neal, there are no more excuses.

“I’m settling into a damn good team, so the sky is the limit for us,” said O’Neal, who has spent the past week out with James and other players at the Cleveland Clinic Courts — the Cavs’ training facility — in Independence.

Fans lined up more than an hour outside The Barley House in the downtown Warehouse District for a chance to see Cleveland’s newest wonder: Shaq.

Before the guest of honor arrived, former Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar, boxing champion Kelly Pavlik, Cleveland Browns return specialist Joshua Cribbs, several members of the Cleveland Indians, Olympic gold medalist Dominique Moceanu and former Cavs star Austin Carr walked the red carpet.

Kosar joked that the Browns, who dropped to 0-3 on Sunday with a 34-3 loss in Baltimore, could use the 7-foot-1, 325-pound O’Neal.

“I know he’d been great in the scoring zone,” Kosar said. “I’d love to lob it up to him.”

Along with its fair share of sports heartache in the past few decades, Cleveland has been hard hit by the economy. Kosar said O’Neal’s arrival is a boon to basketball and the region.

“The NBA has become the have and the have-nots,” Kosar said. “We’ve been lucky that Cavs owner Dan Gilbert has made Cleveland one of the league’s top franchises and Shaq makes us even better.”

As they waited on a long line outside to get in, Lenny Kehoe of Cleveland and his friend, Derek Withrow, were excited about the chance to see O’Neal — and what he can do on the court.

“We wanted to see Shaq,” said Kehoe, who is convinced the pairing of Shaq and James will end Cleveland’s title drought. “This is the year. We came so close last year. Shaq is going to put us over the top.”

Manning leads Colts over Cardinals 31-10

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Peyton Manning and Kurt Warner have thrown for miles and miles in their NFL careers, yet their paths crossed not only the second time on Sunday night.

Manning stole the show.

On the field where little brother Eli led the New York Giants to a Super Bowl triumph two seasons ago, Manning threw four touchdown passes, three in the second quarter, to power the Indianapolis Colts past Warner and the turnover-plagued Arizona Cardinals.

The Colts’ quarterback completed 24 of 35 for 379 yards with one interception. Warner, under severe pressure much of the night, was 30 of 52 for 332 yards and one score but was picked off twice.

Indianapolis safety Antoine Bethea recovered a fumble at the 5 to stop one Arizona scoring drive and intercepted a deflected pass in the end zone to thwart another.

Taking four TD passes in a game for the 18th time, moving him ahead of Johnny Unitas into third on the NFL career list, behind Dan Marino’s 21 and Brett Favre’s 20.

Manning topped 300 yards passing for the third time in as many games this season, giving him 50 for his career.

Manning carved up the Cardinals with a show of precision in the second quarter.

He threw 20 yards to Reggie Wayne for the first score, 10 yards to Dallas Clark for the second and a nifty 53 yards to Pierre Garcon as Indianapolis took a 21-3 halftime lead.

Manning added a 3-yard TD toss to Joseph Addai in the third quarter to make it 28-10.

The Cardinals, up 3-0 early, drove deep into Indianapolis territory but Tim Hightower fumbled at the 5.

The Colts (3-0) then went 95 yards in 11 plays for the touchdown that put them ahead for good.

Wayne made a one-handed grab of Manning’s pass at the pylon on a 20-yard play that made it 21-3 with 9:04 left in the half.

“Can’t draw that up, man,” Manning said. “I know he’s capable of making those plays. Those are the plays we expect him to make.”

After Indianapolis stuffed Arizona’s offense, the Colts went 57 yards in six plays, Manning throwing 10 yards to Clark to make it 14-3 with 5:49 to go in the half.

The prettiest score came when Manning lofted a pass down the sideline into the unstratched arms of Garcon on a 53-yard scoring play that made it 21-3 with 1:32 to go in the half.

Warner drove the Cardinals (1-2) to the Indianapolis 1-yard line in the final seconds before he was hit by Steve Breaston at the goal line but Melvin Bullitt didn’t allow the receiver to get to the pylon.

On the next play, Warner threw under pressure toward Larry Fitzgerald in the end zone. Tim Jennings deflected it in the air and Bethea intercepted.

Arizona took the second half kickoff and went 73 yards in eight plays, with Warner hanging it by 2 yards to Anquan Boldin for the touch.

down to cut it to 21-10 with 10:50 to play in the third.

But a 72-yard pass play for Garcon on a 53-yard pass from Manning to Garcon set up the 3-yard TD toss to Addai to boost the lead to 28-10 with 2:26 left in the quarter.

Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney, who had harassed Warner all night, limped off the field at the end of the third quarter with a right leg injury and did not return.

Indiana was without two defensive starters — middle linebacker Gary Brackett and cornerback Kelvin Hayden.

Arizona, 8-2 at home last season, started 0-2 before this season, with echoes of boos throughout the stadium.

The crowd as Warner was sacked for a 28-yard loss on fourth down with about 6½ minutes to play.

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Squad takes first at Depauw Classic

By BOBBY GRAHAM  Sports Writer

During a stretch of the season where every stroke matters, the Belles came up with a huge first place finish in the Depauw small College Classic this weekend. The Classic played host to some of the country's top teams — including the hometown team, the No. 9 Depauw Tigers. Going into the weekend with a slim 11-stroke lead in the conference, the Belles needed to generate some momentum heading into their last two conference jamborees of the season before the MIAA championship, set for Oct. 9. While the tournament has no conference implications, a win provides confidence for St. Mary's at this point in the season.

The tournament got off to a slow start as play was suspended Saturday due to inclement weather. Despite having to play back-to-back rounds in the same day, the Belles shot an impressive combined score of 315.

Freshman Martyna Mierzwa earned her third medalist honor of the fall with rounds of 76 and 78 strokes to lead all 99 golfers at the tournament. She leads the MIAA with an average score of 77.5. Right behind Mierzwa was teammate Natalie Matuzausk with a round of 77, the second lowest of the week.

"Danie [Brink] and Liana [Rohr] ran our offense really well," Toni Kuschel Belles coach

Belles fall to conference foe Albion

By CHRIS MICHALSKI  Sports Writer

The Belles had momentum from back-to-back sweeps in MIAA play, but were unable to keep it going against conference rival Albion College.

The Belles (6-6, 2-4) lost 3-1 to the Britons, with whom they had been tied in conference standings.

Before the game they had been playing well, and it seemed as if the ball was rolling in the right direction, especially after a dominant performance against Manchester.

"Our team played really well (against Manchester)," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "Danie [Brink] and Liana [Rohr] ran our offense really well." But the Britons were also coming off an impressive 3-performance against Olivet, and in front of a loud crowd in Kresge Gymnasium, the Britons came out aggressively on offense and took an early 14-7 lead.

The Belles managed to rally to tie up the score at 20. An attack error by the Belles and a kill by Briton hitter Emilee Goraliski allowed the Britons to take the slight edge that they built on, to win the first set 25-23.

In the second set, it was the Belles that were able to jump out an early 10-5 lead, but the Britons went on a 9-1 run that included five hitting errors by the Belles and ultimately took the second set 25-21.

The Britons took the third set comfortably 25-18, and the fourth set remained close. With a total of 14 ties in the fourth set, the Belles kept it close, but once again hitting errors were the Achilles heel, and the Brits managed to win the fourth set 25-21.

In the match, sophomore setter Danie Brink had another impressive performance with 34 assists and 11 digs. Freshman outside hitter Stephanie Bodien led the way on offense with 17 kills and senior Lorenna Slupczynski followed that effort with 10 of her own.

The Belles will return to Angola Athletic Facility on Wednesday when they face off against MIAA opponent Kalamazoo and try to get back above .500 on the season. The match is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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moved them into a tie for third with No. 12 University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. "We had to play well in order to just maintain," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "I don't know if there was an advantage to (the weather) because it puts everyone on equal ground. We just played as well as we needed to play in order to just maintain."

Senior Anne Brophy paced the Irish in the first round, shooting a plus-two score of 74, which was good enough for a tie for 39th place overall. Junior Se-Hyun Park shot one stroke behind Brophy, finishing in a tie for the 13th other day. Sophomore Rebecca Huffer and junior Katie Conway also had their scores counted for the Irish, shooting plus-four and plus-seven, respectively.

Park, Huffer and Conway each improved their first round scores on Sunday on the way to Notre Dame's third-place finish. Park's 72 was the best round of the day for the Irish, and moved her into a tie for eighth overall.

"(Park) played better this tournament," Holt said. "We need her to shoot the kind of scores that she just did. I'm happy for her. I'm sure she got her confidence back. She gives us a balance in our scoring, which is what we need." Huffer also improved her score by three strokes, shooting a 73 Sunday which was good enough for a tie with Dealy had four kills, nine digs and a block assist while Sciarcia had six kills and four block assists in the victory. Nicholas had 32 of the Irish's 40 assists for the day.

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scoring four of their first 12 points off blocks. Taking the lead back was a team effort, and Notre Dame never looked back as they rallied up the points. Kaelin made it 23-14 with a rifle shot to lock up the win. Notre Dame hit .250 as a team and Kaelin at a .529 rate for the night to start the conference season with a bang and move the Huskies to 7-0, 0-1 Big East.

Sunday saw the Irish grab a three-set sweep (25-11, 25-25, 25-19) over St. John's (9-8-1). It is the first time since Sept. 13 when the take on Villanova Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Belles finish strong at vital MIAA Jamboree

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Sport Writer

In what was a make-or-break event of the season, Saint Mary's rose to the occasion.

The Belles posted their best finish of the fall this weekend, finishing fourth with a 133 at the MIAA Jamboree at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

Senior captain Megan McElroy led her team yet again with a time of 19:39 for 20th place overall. Belles' coach Jackie Bauters said she was pleased with her team's effort in such an important event — the MIAA Jamboree marks the last occasion for teams to earn conference points before the MIAA Championship at the end of October.

"Since the MIAA Jamboree is our last 5k of the season, I'm glad so many of the women were able to post such solid times and get that extra boost of confidence and personal accomplishment," Bauters said. "I know these will carry over into the second half of the season and the 6ks."

No. 2 Calvin finished first in the meet with a perfect score of 15. Senior Knight Jess Koster took home medalist honors with a 19:44 second-place finish, 25 seconds faster than the nearest competitor on the 5-kilometer course near Ridge Point Church in Holland. No. 7 Hope took second with 58 points, while Adrian's 104 also put them above Saint Mary's.

"The team is looking to improve upon [last year's fourth-place finish] in the MIAA," Bauters said. "The Jamboree accounts for a third of our points in our total ranking and we're hoping to finish third this year. We would like to compete for second if possible." Freshman Belle Julia Kenney continued her impressive rookie campaign with a 22nd-place finish, finishing five seconds behind McElroy with a 19:44.

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the second. So it's going to be the trend on these double-game weekends," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We got something out of the Friday game and nothing out of the Sunday game."

Bears' coach Mark Konitsch made the winning goal in the 50th minute after a teammate stole ball from Irish senior midfielder John Schaefer. "To be honest we really were very sluggish until we lost the goal," Clark said. "After we lost the goal it was like a wake-up call and we played very well."

From that point on, the Bears were content to let the Belles offense do the work, allowing the Irish to attack — unsuccessfully — for the next 46 minutes. Though Notre Dame had many chances, including two corner kicks in the 89th minute, the offense was unable to score.

"If we're going to do something we've got to get it going right now: There's a lot of time left, and we've got to get our lot together," Bobby Clark, Irish coach said. "On paper we did the harder job very well," Clark said. "Well, there's no easy games in the Big East, but what on paper looked easier was Cincinnati and obviously we didn't finish the job. Such a pity because we got the week-end off to a great start."

The weekend pushed the Irish to fourth in the Big East Blue Division, while Louisville and Cincinnati stand in third and fourth, respectively, in the Red Division. Portsmouth lost unfortunately for the Irish, Sunday's game was the team's last — they play Seton Hall next weekend, added a Wednesday-Saturday rotation for the rest of the season. "If we're going to do something we've got to get it going right now," Clark said. "There's not a lot of time left, and we've got to get our lot together."

"Physically, we're strongly enough. I think it's in the mental part. I think whatever way, if the new format of the season helps us, we'll be ready." The Irish next play Seton Hall Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

Third win of season big for Belles
By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (3-6-1) was able to split the two games it played over the weekend, defeating cross-town rival Bethel on Friday and falling to Marian University on Saturday.

The Belles were able to surpass their goals from last season with a 2-1 victory over the Fighting Saints Friday to open their tournament. "I feel like we have all returned much more relaxed and comfortable with each other," senior goalie Paul Virgstrom said. "We still learn new things about our coaches and our teammates all the time, but now we don't have to waste time trying to read our teammates or Coach. We know what his expectations are now, we just have to challenge ourselves to meet them."

Both teams played a tight game in the first half until first year Alexi Ahern was able to score with less than 15 minutes to go before the half. Junior Carissa Hart was able to make the only other goal for the Belles to secure the win. Duffy had five saves for the Belles in the victory though she only played 45 minutes. Adele Bruggeman notched a pair of saves herself to wrap up the game.

While the Belles offense was not able to put any balls in the net against Marian, the Irish defense was able to make a strong showing in the game registering more shots, shots on goal, corner kicks and more. However, the Belles were not able to capitalize on the opportunities as well as Marian did throughout the game.

The Knights were able to score on a pair of corner kick head­ ers in the 19th and 22nd minu­ tes and then again in the 39th minute to make the final score 2-0. The Belles came out stronger in the second half as they only allowed two shots on goal, but were not able to overcome the Knights' defense to get any goals themselves. Bruggeman was able to make her first start, before being replaced by Duffy for the second half of the game. Bruggeman picked up a save in the first half, and Duffy recorded two more in the second half to complete the shutout.

"I think the key for us this season, especially the MIAA portion of the season, is to hold our teammates and ourselves accountable."

Patty Duffy
Belles goalie

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish complete sweep in Big East opening weekend

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame had a perfect weekend opening conference competition. The Irish (4-4, 2-0 Big East) opened Big East play Friday with a 3-1 win over Connecticut and swept St. John's 3-0 Sunday to cap off the weekend.

Senior outside hitters Serenity Phillips and Christina Kazlin set the tone for Notre Dame. Phillips was one block short of a triple-double Friday for the second time in her college career with 16 kills, 12 digs, and nine block assists at Connecticut. Kazlin posted 12 kills and five digs Friday night, coming back with 13 kills, five digs, and a .500 hitting percentage against the Red Storm Sunday. Phillips had nine kills and six digs in the match. The Irish took out the Huskies in four sets Friday (25-22, 21-23, 25-14, 25-16). Junior middle blocker Kellie Schell had ten kills, senior setter Jamel Nicholas posted 46 assists and eleven digs while sophomore outside hitter Kristen Dealy had twenty kills and sophomore libero Frenchy Silva had 16.

In Friday's first set, freshman middle blocker Hilary Eppink made a kill from the outside at 9-9 before Phillips granted Notre Dame the lead with a shot from the right at 10-9. Connecticut led again up to 17-16 when a 3-0 Irish run put them in front for good. Phillips had an ace at 22-19 on the Irish to securing the set. Sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Slatt and Silva both had aces to start off the second set but the Huskies took the second before the Irish came back to tie the set at 23-23, and a kill to bring Notre Dame within one at 18-17, but it wasn’t enough to take the set. Slatt aced again in the third set as the Irish started to block at the net more than they had the entire match. Notre Dame was tailing Connecticut 9-10 when they went on an 11-1 run to close the set. The Irish dominated the net once again in the final set, see UCONN/page 21

ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Shortened match aids Irish effort

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Despite a weather delay that forced the match to be shortened from three rounds to two, the Irish were able to move up three spots during the second round of the Betty Lou Evans Fall Invitational in Kentucky en route to a third place finish.

After an opening round plus-26 score of 304 on Friday, Notre Dame was slotted in sixth place before the inclement weather commenced, canceling Saturday's second round and shortening the tournament. Play resumed on Sunday, and the Irish improved by 10 strokes, shooting a 294 that

MEN’S SOCCER

Unholy Day

Team continues to struggle on Sundays

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

What a difference a day makes. A Sunday, to be more precise. What is regarded as a day of relaxation for the rest of the Notre Dame campus has become a day of heartbreak for the Irish after they lost Cincinnati Sunday, falling to a record of 0-4 on the Sabbath Day.

Notre Dame (4-4-1, 2-2-0) defeated No. 7 Louisville 4-0 Friday before stumbling against Cincinnati. This was the fourth straight weekend series in which the Irish won the first match only to lose in the second. Senior forward Bright Dike, 9, and senior midfielder John Schafer go up for a ball during Sunday’s game against Cincinnati. The Irish lost 1-0 to the Bearcats. see CINCY/page 22

MEN’S GOLF

Seniors lead in Tennessee

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Two seniors led Notre Dame to an impressive fifth place finish at the Mason Rudolph Championship in Tennessee Sunday.

Seniors Doug Fortner and Josh Sandman both finished the two-round, 17-team tournament under par as the Irish shot a cumulative score of 562 to finish six under par as a team. No. 45 Notre Dame ended six shots behind the winner, No. 34 Middle Tennessee State, but used three birdies on the final hole to post No. 35 Vanderbilt by one stroke. "The guys did a good job. We played pretty well but left some shots out there for sure," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "As a matter of fact, toward the end of the front nine today we were 10 under for the tournament."

Senior Dustin Zhang tees off at an during the Spring 2009 season. The Irish finished fifth at Vanderbilt Sunday. see KUBINSKI/page 20

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Squad achieves new school record with win

By MIKE GOTTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame entered the NCAA record books on Sunday with a strong defensive effort in its 1-0 win over Louisville.

The No. 14/12 Irish extended their school-record 16-game unbeaten streak to 55 games with the win, tying them with North Carolina for the longest consecutive win streak in NCAA history.

Notre Dame scored the game’s lone tally when junior forward Lauren Fowlkes scored during the 49th minute on an assist from sophomore midfielder Molly Campbell. The goal was Fowlkes’ fifth on the year and her third in the past four matches.