Endowment falls record 20 percent

Despite historic decrease, Notre Dame fares better than peer institutions in recession

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Notre Dame's endowment assets took a hit last year during a period of historic market turmoil, but outperformed a number of peer institutions and key indices, ending with a market value of $5.5 billion, University Vice President and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said Thursday.

Malpass recently reported 2009 fiscal year results to University Trustees, detailing the endowment's 20.8 percent decline over 2008 results when the investment pool was valued at $7.1 billion. Malpass said he's "never happy to be down," but was pleased to face "relatively well" during "a very challenging year."

"Our performance was at the better end of the big endowment group," he said, adding that the fund also performed better than the S&P—which fell 26.2 percent last year—as well as key international and other indices.

The fund's decline brought it back to late 2006 levels (the endowment was valued at $5.1 billion in 2006) while markets lost significantly.

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Campus groups host Body Image Week

Events including FIRE Forum focus on boosting self image, preventing eating disorders

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

This week, five on-campus organizations are joining together to present Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which will focus on raising awareness about diseases such as anorexia and bulimia.

The sponsor organizations include the Gender Relations Center, Feminist Voice, Snite Museum of Art, Student Government and the University Counseling Center.

The event began on Thursday with the "Love Your Body, Love Thee Notre Dame" poster campaign as well as a guided tour of the "Thin" exhibit with Steve Moriarty, Curator of Photography at the Snite Museum.

"I'm just really excited about this week, and the reason I'm so excited is that there is unity in trying to get this message out," Mandy Lewis, president of Feminist Voice, said. Lewis said eating disorders and negative body images are both huge issues on campus as well as in society.

"The whole point of this week is to tell you that you're beautiful and to break down body image myths," Lewis said.

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Five teenagers arrested as carjacking suspects

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Police have arrested five teenagers for the Sept. 24 carjacking of a Notre Dame student, South Bend Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent said.

All five suspects were arrested for carjacking, criminal confinement and robbery. Trent said the Prosecutor's Office is currently reviewing the charges.

"They do not have the means and they have concurred with us that there is obvious criminal culpability," he said.

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Experts discuss health reform

By ALEX TOOMBS
News Writer

Aon Consulting, in conjunction with the University's Career Center, held a workshop in DeBartolo Hall Thursday on the effects of health care reform upon today's job market.

The workshops helped guide a concerned audience of students interested in careers in the health care and government relations fields.

Amidst the political strife accompanying the fierce debate coming from both sides of the spectrum, many students in the nursing, pre-health and government fields were concerned about the effects health care reform will have on the industry.

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Vatican appoints ND prof as advisor

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Fr. Paulinus Ikechukwu Odoozor, associate professor of theology, will be starting his fall break early — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed him as an advisor for the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops in Vatican City from Oct. 4 to 25.

The first African synod took place 15 years ago during the Rwandan genocide, Odoozor said, and the upcoming meeting of some 200 bishops from across the African continent will focus on a familiar theme: "The Church in Africa in Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace."

The pope plans to bring attention to bear on Africa, to see how the Church can be more effective as an asset of salvation but also as an agent of social change and progress in Africa," he said.

According to the 62-page document "Instrumentum laboris" released by the pope in anticipation of the synod, topics covered
INSIDE COLUMN
Prank Away Pessimism

It's that time of year. The weather is dreary, and the football team is starting to under-perform like a Charlie Weis team once again. Not to mention that South Dining Hall has decided not to restock fresh food until after Fall Break.

To fight back against the disappointments of Modern Nature, the Fat Plague and corn-dog buffets, consider pulling these pranks to make the Golden Dome shine a little brighter.

Wing-it Rudy: Sneak into the football team’s dressing room at the Stadium by dressing up in a suit and tie, hiding just inside Fitzpatrick and blending in undetected as the group walks past. Aim for Sam Young’s vicinity—he might just hold you all up.

Q & A: What is the best place on campus?

Jaclyn Cotton

I love the DeBartolo Performance Arts Center. Music and stage shows keep the place lively, and the art exhibits are always changing. The audience is also very friendly and supportive.

Ian Giles

I believe the best place on campus is the auditorium of the DeBartolo Performance Arts Center. The auditorium is full of beautiful art and is a great place to attend musicals and other events.

Ryan Dunbar

My favorite place on campus is the North Dining Hall. The food is delicious and the atmosphere is always lively.

Leon Zhou

I think the best place on campus is the Library. It's a quiet, peaceful place where I can study and read without distractions.

Keith Hetrick

I believe the best place on campus is the Oval. It's a great place to hang out with friends and enjoy the outdoors.

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

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Students work to draw a hand in a figure drawing class taught by Maria Tomasula in Riley Hall Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Mule deer becomes tangled in Christmas lights

HELENA, Mont. — Call it a case of Christmas creep. A young mule deer in Montana is ushering in the holiday season early.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game warden Kevin Cook says the buck got mixed up with a string of Christmas lights and now they are hanging from his antlers and body.

The agency started getting reports about the decorated deer near Fort Harrison last week.

Cook says the buck probably became entangled when he rubbed his antlers on a tree. He says the department is keeping an eye on the animal, but so far it seems to be full of mule-tide cheer.

Circus llamas cause traffic jams in Dublin

DUBLIN — Dublin's traffic is often snarled, but this could be the first time that llamas are to blame.

Five of the South American animals accompanied by two goats ran rampant Thursday on the Irish capital's major ring road, the M50, causing 5-mile (8-kilometer) traffic jams.

Police eventually corralled the animals safely into a trailer.

Circus owner Alexander Scholl says his animals bolted when fuel deliverymen failed to shut a gate. He rejects rival circus owners’ claims that he deliberately lured the llamas on to the highway to gain attention for his Circus Sydney, which has previously lost elephants and a wally.

“There’s no way this was a publicity stunt. If these llamas hit a car and killed somebody, who are they going to arrest, me or the llamas?” Scholl said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium will be open to the public today from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. as part of the Game Day events of the 2009 season.

The Notre Dame men’s and women’s cross country teams will host the Notre Dame Invitational today at the Burke Memorial Golf Course beginning at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team will play Seton Hall tonight at 7 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-2300.

Professor Thomas Anderson will deliver a lecture entitled “Images that Matter: The U.S. as Seen through Latin American Eyes” on Saturday at 12 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The program will include music from Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven. To purchase tickets, call the ticket office at 574-631-2300.

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To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Career Center offers study space for students in Flanner Hall

Sunday through Wednesday nights, group and private study rooms are available through reservation or on walk-in basis

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

The Career Center's Interview Center at Flanner Hall will be available for students to use for study space, Sunday through Wednesday, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Career Center Coordinator of Office Services Mary Fisher said.

Last fall, President of Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman became aware of a lack of study space available to students. He asked the Career Center if they would be willing to loan space so students could have more options for studying.

"The Interview Center is great for studying because it is nice and quiet, and unlike many other locations students use for studying on campus, students can have their own private rooms," Fisher said. "We also a room catering to group study."

Though the library has study rooms, their numbers are very limited and often it is hard to find a quiet space conducive to work. The Career Center not only has a variety of rooms available, but they also take reservations in advance, in addition to walk-ins.

"Usually not that many people take advantage of what is available here, maybe because it is so far from the residence halls," Sophomore Zhe Yang said. "However, it is a great atmosphere for studying, especially since study rooms in dorms easily get noisy and turn into social spots."

Fisher said the study rooms tend to fill up as midterms and finals approach.

"We are definitely more crowded around midterms and finals. That's the general trend for most study locations on campus so most students wait until those weeks to call for reservations," Fisher said.

This is the second semester the Career Center has given this opportunity to students, and though turnout has been reasonable, they hope to attract more students by increasing awareness among the student body.

"We especially see a lot of students that live close by, so the Mod Quad dorms are heavily represented," Fisher said. "But students from all areas on campus are invited."

Space is available four days a week, with student monitors available for any needs students might have. Also students may make reservations up to seven days in advance, by calling Consuela Howell at 574-631-9915.

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Sophomore Ryan Geraghty utilizes study space in the Interview Center of the Career Center. The spaces are available Sunday through Wednesday nights.

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EAT LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY!
Colonel explains absence of flyovers during football games

By SARAH MERVOSH

Students and fans turned their heads in anticipation during the Star Spangled Banner at the two home football games this year, and expected to see fighter jets zoom over Notre Dame Stadium. But the jets never came.

"First game, I was really excited for it. Then when it didn't happen I was really disappointed," sophomore John Ghazi said. "I kind of thought maybe there was a problem with the first game so I assumed it would be at the next game and then I was angry when they didn't come for the second game."

The fighter jets did not fly over the Stadium for the first two games because operational needs took priority for Nevada game, and operational approval was not set up for the Washington game, said he was still trying see if another unit can step in, and maybe that there was a problem.

"We should hope for flyovers for the rest of the season but we can never expect them. We have every game scheduled for something," he said. "So hopefully, knock wood. We're going to get what we need and what we asked for."

Braue said fans have come to expect flyovers because Notre Dame has been lucky enough in the past to have requests fulfilled. But every game, every year, flyovers are only a possibility, not a guarantee.

"The fans have almost gotten kind of used to it. Most stadiums around the country don't get them. Notre Dame has been really, really fortunate over the years," he said. "There are so many things that could happen that would take the flyover way from us."

For example, if a jet crashes or we get another storm or other flight might be grounded, Braue said. He also said the economic crisis and the fact that they could not afford to have a jet play a role in why fighter jets are harder to obtain this year.

"When a jet crashes or they need a jet to fly, it shuffles the whole deck. It's like a whole deck of cards," he said. Braue said he did not know how much it cost to fly fighter jets over the Stadium because the units pay for it, and often use it as part of training.

Ghaz said the student body looks forward to the flyovers and hopes they will return.

"It's really cool because it shows how big of a deal Notre Dame football is and how excited everyone is for it," he said. "I think everyone wants it (to come back)."

Braue said the Navy, Boston College and Connecticut games have flyovers lined up. For the USC game, the Army jump team plans to parachute into the Stadium.

"This year, for every game, we had something lined up. Unfortunately, it's not going as well as we had hoped, but I'm not going to get greedy either or feel bad about that because if we get flyover a year, that's more than some schools get," Braue said.

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SMC hosts Light the Night fundraiser

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY

Some people walk for a parent, some for their brother, sister, or friend and some just because they want to raise awareness.

Yesterday, Saint Mary's College hosted the Light the Night Walk to help raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Participants help not only raise money, but also awareness about the disease. This is the third year the College has hosted the event. The course of the walk starts outside of LeMans Hall and runs throughout the campus. Last year, about 500 people participated and Saint Mary's teams alone raised more than $2,000. The event can be quite emotional, especially for survivors of the disease and their families.

"The event packs quite an emotional punch ... seeing the posters and banners people carry is very moving," Carolyne Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's College said. "There's a great deal of love and hope expressed through this event.

Call said the College is proud to host the event and help in any way possible.

"(It) allows us to demonstrate some solidarity with those struggling with cancer," she said.

Junior Sarah Weber, who lost her father, said the Walk is an excellent way to help raise awareness and inform people about the deadly disease. Although she was unable to walk this year, Weber's friends walked in her father's memory.

"The blood cancers are so aggressive and we're never giving the signs to look for, so it is so important that we raise awareness," she said. "Light the Night Walk is a perfect way to do this."

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FALL 2009 SCHEDULE

9.5.09  (vs. Nevada)
"Memorial Manila: Public Art and Public Feelings in America Today"
Erika Dino, Professor and Chairperson, Department of American Studies
9.19.09  (vs. Chicago State)
"International Security Studies: When the Eggghack Can Teach the Generals"
Michael Desch, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Political Science
10.3.09  (vs. Washington)
"Images That Matter: The U.S. as Seen Through Latin American Eyes"
Thomas F. Anderson, Associate Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
10.17.09  (vs. USC)
"Shakespeare in the 21st Century"
Peter D. Halland, McKeel Family Professor in Shakespeare Studies, Department of Film, Television, and Theatre
10.24.09  (vs. Roman College)
"The French Revolution, or How to Keep Your Head in Turbulent Times"
Julia V. Douthwaite, Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
10.31.09  (vs. Washington State)
gave in San Antonio, lecture at 10 am, Marriott Rivercenter "Latinos and the Renewal of American Catholicism"
Vigilino P. Elizondo, Notre Dame Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology, Department of Theology
Daniel G. Groody, CSC, Associate Professor, Department of Theology
Timothy M. Mawhinney, Professor, Department of Theology
11.7.09  (vs. Navy)
"Going Global: Medical Ethics in the Age of AIDS"
Kamal Rees, Codirector ofprints O'Hare Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, Department of Theology
11.21.09  (vs. Connecticut)
"Understanding the Cultural, Religious, and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults (18-23 Year Olds)"
Christian Smith, William R. Keeler, Jr. Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology

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"Images That Matter: The U.S. as Seen Through Latin American Eyes"

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Associate Professor
Department of Romance Language and Literatures

12 Noon
Saturday, October 3, 2009
Annenberg Auditorium
Snite Museum of Art

This talk will examine a wide range of opinions that Latin Americans have formed of the United States over the past two centuries through readings of texts that hail from Argentina (Corge), Cuba (Reina), Mexico (Hernandez), the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, and various areas of study (literature, politics, history, economics, etc.). Though the views of the authors and the images that they paint of the United States are diverse, many of them are strikingly similar in their revelation of the negative sentiments of Latin Americans who feel violated by what they see at the United States' imperialistic ambitions in the region.
ITALIAN police say they have seized an estimated 20 million euro (292 million) worth of counterfeit designer purses, watches and clothing in a three-month sweep that implicated 14 Chinese immigrants.

Police said in a statement Thursday that they had also raided two dormitories and a massage parlor rented to the suspects. Inside the buildings, police found illegal immigration papers, cargos and one bedroom in an apparent bid to avoid arrest.

The statement said that, of the 14 Chinese nationals implicated, seven were illegal migrants. Two were arrested.

ISRAEL tries to avoid persecution

JERUSALEM — Stung by a damning U.N. report alleging extra-legal detentions and hangings, Western governments are bracing for a public relations blitz.

Israel has dismissed the U.N. investigation into its wofen offensive in the Gaza strip as being "in a later time and is clearly concerned.

The U.N. report appears to have energized pro-Palestinian groups that have hoped for years to bring Israelis before courts in countries that recognize the concept of "universal jurisdiction" — trying people for crimes unrelated to their own territory or nationals.

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The University’s endowment is the 13th largest among all U.S. higher education institutions, and the largest among Catholic universities. Harvard University’s endowment — the country’s largest now valued at $26 billion — dropped 27.3 percent in 2009.

Malpass noted not only did Notre Dame outperform some of the larger endowments; the University has also not decreased spending out of the endowment where other schools have attempted to cut spending.

“ar the wonderful thing, despite the implosion, is that we didn’t have to cut spending, it didn’t affect financial aid at all, and in fact we’ve increased financial aid,” Malpass said.

Yale University is currently aiming to cut spending by $150 million a year, and Princeton University will likewise cut spending by $170 million annually — both schools with some of the country’s largest endowments, which both have declines around 24 percent in 2009. Cuts like these have translated into hiring freezes and capital project delays.

In contrast, Notre Dame increased spending out of the endowment in 2009 to $215 million. Malpass said Notre Dame’s annual operating budget was just under $1 billion and hasn’t been affected “at all” by the endowment’s performance. In fact, the University will increase spending out of the endowment by five percent in the current year, he said.

Malpass said the endowment spending rate — the amount taken to help fund the operating budget each year — has jumped from a relatively low 3.6 to 4.3 percent in 2007, which is significantly less than rates of seven or eight percent at peer institutions. Universities with higher spending rates like those tend to cut spending to maintain the endowment pool, but Malpass doesn’t anticipate that to happen at Notre Dame.

He also pointed to the University’s modest debt load and capital construction funding policies as reasons why spending has been unaffected by the decline.

The University maintains an AAA debt rating and Malpass said Notre Dame has typically held lower debt than its peers, enabling the University to safely increase debt last year to fund spending.

“That gave us flexibility in the crisis. We issued some tax-exempt notes for liquidity purposes … and we couldn’t have done that and kept our AAA rating if we were already loaded in debt,” he said.

The capital construction policy at Notre Dame requires that all funds be obtained before construction begins, which means construction projects on campus haven’t been halted as a result of the decline.

“That’s totally unheard of,” Malpass said of the policy. “Schools way overreach here, and that gets you in trouble.”

Within the investment pool, Malpass said Notre Dame has always been "well diversified, and well balanced."

“We do a lot of the same types of investments Harvard and Yale and Princeton do,” Malpass said, but noted Notre Dame does “a little less in real estate.”

“That was key, because real estate got clobbered,” Malpass said.

Real estate investments make up less than 10 percent of the endowment’s assets, compared to about 25 percent at Yale and “near 20 percent” at Harvard.

Malpass also called the endowment’s hedge fund portfolio “the best in the country” and said while it does “add more value than comparable hedge funds.”

Malpass praised the investment team at Notre Dame and some 150 managers spread across the globe for their performance, noting that in the last three years overall, the Notre Dame endowment has outperformed all of the top 20 endowments.

“Do as well as we have over the last several years — we were at the top of the group — and then to be relatively a little better in a down market, that says a lot about our portfolio,” Malpass said. “I’m encouraged by that.”

But Malpass remains cautious about the next year’s prospects.

“The economy’s still fundamentally very weak,” he said, adding concerns about high unemployment, the levels of public debt still held by many banks and longer term fears about inflation.

When Malpass came to Notre Dame in 1988, the endowment valued $425 million. It peaked last year at $7.1 billion. The endowment typically funds around 20 percent of the University’s operating budget.

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**NYSE** 1,019.85 -6.77

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**Company** | **% Change** | **$ Change**
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CIT GROUP INC (CIT) | -2.97 | -15.25

**Treasuries**

**10-Year Note** -3.45 | -113.13 | 3.19
**13-Week Bill** -17.39 | -0.02 | 0.95
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**Light crude (pd)** +0.21 | 70.82
**Gold (Troy oz.)** +3.60 | 1000.70
**Pork bellies (cents/lb.)** +0.45 | 81.25

**Exchange Rates**

**Yen** 95.99
**Euro** 1.4522
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**British Pound** 1.5996

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**In Brief**

**Washington Post and Bloomberg unite**

SAN FRANCISCO — The Washington Post and Bloomberg News are teaming up in a new partnership that will distribute their political and financial coverage to a broader audience.

The venture announced Thursday includes a news service that fills the void created by the dissolution of a 47-year alliance between the Post and the Los Angeles Times. The newspapers disclosed their plans to divorce on Wednesday.

Besides distributing about 120 stories per day beginning Jan. 1 to other news organizations, the partners will share content with each other and co-produce an online business page on the Post’s Web site.

Financial terms of the arrangement weren’t disclosed.

The deal will help the Post compensate for a staff that has been shrinking in recent years. Like large newspapers across the United States, the Post has been shedding employees because of a steep drop in advertising sales.

**Census shows drop in Ala. poverty rate**

MOBILE — More people moved above the poverty line in Alabama in 2008 than in any state in the country, according to U.S. Census figures that advocates for the poor said Wednesday were outdated.

The numbers were gathered in 2008 and reflect "the calm before the storm" of the recession hit the state, said Kimble Forrister, director of Alabama Arise. At the time, the state’s unemployment rate was better than the rest of the nation, Forrister said.

The census figures reported Wednesday by the Press-Register in Mobile show that the number of people below the poverty line fell from 846,447 in 2007 to 712,833. That was the largest numerical drop of any state.

Alabama’s poverty rate fell 1.2 points to 15.7 percent. Alabama is tied with South Carolina with the 10th highest rate of poverty in the country. Nationwide, the poverty rate rose to 13.2 percent, an 11-year high.

"The effects of the recession did not occur until after this data was collected," Forrister said. "At the time our unemployment rate was better than the rest of the nation.”

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**The Observer**

**BUSINESS**

**September sees loss for auto industry**

'Clunkers' letdown pushes down sales; only Hyundai posts increase

In this Aug. 21, 2009 photo, Sheila King looks at a Hyundai Accent in Danvers, Mass. Hyundai Motor America said Thursday that sales surged 27 percent over the year-earlier level.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Senate Republican who backs Northrop Grumman Corp. said he could have sold a disputed $35 billion Air Force tanker contract wants to withhold funding until the services resolve a company gripe with the competition.

Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia, a Democrat who leads the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense panel, said Wednesday he probably would block the Defense Department's spending request for the KC-46编队 — the nation’s next-generation refueling tanker — because Northrop Grumman Corp. is not getting its due from the Air Force.

Warren (R) said the Air Force is "bargaining too aggressively" with the company and "trying to get the best deal for the American tax payer by driving down unit costs." He said the company is "being compensated unfairly and not being treated fairly in comparison to its competitors, in particular Boeing Co."

"The move follows reports that the Air Force has taken steps to delay the 179 aging tankers.

"How can we expect the playing field to be level if one company was given sensitive information about the other's bid? If that is the case, the best way to rectify the situation is to demand that information be shared in both directions," Sessions said.

"Should Northrop win the lucrative deal it would build a new plant in Mobile, Ala., and states like Florida and West Virginia could also stand to gain jobs. If Boeing lands the award, Washington, Kansas and other states would benefit from a boost in jobs."

"The Pentagon’s weapons buyer, Ashton Carter, has said the department found "no competitive disadvantage" following its examination of Northrop’s claim. The information in question was inaccurate, outdated or not relevant to the new competition, he said last week.

"We really don’t know if the pricing information is inaccurate or outdated. Therefore, the Defense Department should provide us Boeing’s compara"
Suspects

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forced the students into the trunk of the car.

An officer driving on McKinley Rd. around mid­night stopped the car because the vehicle's high beams were on. He suspected the vehicle and the off­campus student that was stuffed in the trunk.

Trent said this type of crime “does not commonly happen” in the area.

Off-campus crime directed toward students has remained steady in the past years, he said.

“This was very shocking. It shocked the community in general, not just the off-campus community.”

Capt. Phil Trent
spokesman
South Bend Police Department

Disorders

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not alone. This is a huge problem,” she said. “This is not just an individual problem. This is a reflection of societal problems.”

She says today’s event, a showing of the film “Mean Girls” at Geddes Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m., will specifically address eating disorders and negative body images as a societal problem.

“We have images in society, like Lindsay Lohan, who people try to emulate and you just can’t, it’s not possible,” she said.

Lewis said she hopes the dialogue following the showing will convey this message.

“Patricia Tighe, who is the co-chair for the Student Government Gender Issues Committee as well as a student worker for the Gender Relations Center, said the ‘Thin’ exhibit perfectly complements the societal problem.

“In the Thin exhibit some of the girls don’t look different from women you see in magazines — and we call that beautiful,” she said. “Worse, we don’t think any­thing is wrong with that.”

Tighe said the events and programs are part of a larger Image and Eating Disorder Week will confront these issues head-on, even if the confrontation is emotion­al or scary.

On Wednesday, a FIRE Forum addressing Body Image and Eating Disorders will be held in the Geddes Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m.

“It will be just a powerful moment that you give people an opportunity to give voice to their struggle and gain healing. I feel that to be very special when you give people an opportunity to speak out,” Tighe said.

For Lewis, this spirit will be felt Tuesday during the “Love Your Body, Feed your Soul” Mass and dinner at Ryan Hall.

“We will take a holistic approach,” she said. “You are feeding your soul and your spirit at Mass and then with dinner you converse with other people and enjoy a meal.”

Both Tighe and Lewis hope this week creates awareness — for those suffering, as well as for their friends and fam­ilies.

Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week ends Thursday, which is Love Your Body Day. The day will be celebrated with yoga, a resource table called “Your Body” open mic and coffeehouse at Reckers from 9–9:30 p.m.

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will include the pastoral needs of Africa and the engagement of African women and laypeople into Church leadership, the uses and impact of traditional and new media on the Church in Africa, and the transformation of the Church in ethnic and tribal strive.

As an advisor to the African bishops, Odozor said he wants to focus on ways to reconcile long­standing ethnic conflicts that have left ingrained bitterness.

The famous clashes of ethnic groups in Africa are not just things that happen overnight. They are coming out of long-held memories of hurt, he said. “One of the things that the Church would want them to do is to get over their neigh­borhood issues.”

“Christians, and moral theologians in particular, are compelled to consider and act on moral situations around the world.”

That faith as it were transformed us, makes us children of God in a way. With that comes the challenge of our attitude of our approach to life, he said. “So, morally is an offshoot of the Church being in Christ. It’s a consequence of our being new in being Christ. Therefore, there is no way you can dissociate morality from the faith of the Christian.”

“There are implications,” Odozor continued. “So when the Christian speaks about right and wrong or he speaks out of a memory informed by faith.”

Arguing that a major error in modern ethical discourse is for theologians, when they were speaking from a “totally objective perspective,” he said. “It is impossible to separate values from the presupposi­tions that ground one’s world­view.”

Since faith offers the right kind of moral discernment, according to Odozor, theologians have an important task in helping to build the initiatives that can improve the daily lives of Africans.

“Those theologians by their very nature are people who have a bit more understanding of the faith and who do their best to articulate the implications of their faith but who also have the ability to make sure that faith is handed down in a way that people can understand,” he said.

Odozor said he hopes the experience will not only further the aims of the Church but teach him lessons for his own vocation.

“I’m grateful for this opportu­nity to serve the Church in this way,” he continued. “When things in this way,” he said. “I’m hoping to learn a lot more about the church and a lot about Africa. I’m hoping that what I learn can translate as a way of our service to do my own bit for the Church, for Africa and for the world.”

Fr. Paulinus Ikechukwu Odozor
Associate Professor
Theology

“Tighe said. “Both Tighe and Lewis hope this week creates awareness — for those suffering, as well as for their friends and fam­ilies.”

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The Observer.
Rugby Club spends afternoon teaching ECDC students

Players teach class of four-year-olds the basics of the sport to give back to the University

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Players from the Notre Dame Rugby Club spent their Thursday afternoon hard at work, but unlike any other fall afternoon, it wasn’t on the rugby field.

The club teamed up with Notre Dame’s Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) to organize a visit where players welcomed a change of pace from their usual aggressive game to teach the sport to a class of four-year-olds.

As a part of ECDC’s focus on hands-on and experiential learning, teachers have been arranging visits this fall from various Notre Dame athletes to share their sport with the students. Program Director Thayer Kramer said, “These visits provide the children hands-on experiences with the equipment and the opportunity to learn about the sport from athletes who participate in the sport—an authentic way to learn,” Kramer said.

The Rugby Club became involved with the program after junior Nick Severyn responded to his professor’s request that students interested in sharing their sport with the students, Program Director Terri Kosik, the visit was mutually rewarding. The members of the rugby team had an opportunity to experience the interest, enthusiasm, and perspective of four-year-olds as the children learned from the athletes about their sport,” Kosik said.

Kosik added, “The team had a great time cheering them on.” According to Executive Director Terri Kosik, the visit was a great success as evidenced in the children’s questions, interest and enthusiasm, “[The rugby players] were positive, enthusiastic, and helpful and were very kind, encouraging and supportive in their interactions with the children. We look forward to a return visit next fall.”

There was, however, one part of the afternoon that didn’t run exactly according to plan. “We stayed for a lot longer than we expected,” Severyn said. “We were having a ton of fun and lost track of time.”

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Located on the south lawn of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the Irish Green will be open to the public every home football weekend. The Irish Green will be filled with family entertainment—live bands and visits from campus entertainers, including the ND Glee Club, Poms, and Cheerleaders.
Health

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and political science majors are concerned that significant changes potentially caused by new legislation could disrupt their careers before they are even launched.

Aon Consulting representatives Bridget Gainer and Andy Karellas helped advise students on what effects health care reform will have on their chosen professions.

Gainer, head of government affairs for Aon Consulting, relayed the predictions of those currently in the industry to the new prospects hoping for employment in the future. She also gave some welcome advice.

"Work for campaigns, as many as is possible," Gainer said. "They allow you to make connections, learn a ton and give you good exposure."

As someone with direct experience on Capitol Hill now working in the government relations department of Aon, Karellas described the convoluted processes by which the health care bill is being crafted.

"The bill will often pass the committees of the House without much problem, getting bogged down mostly in the three committees of the Senate," Karellas said. "Many opposed to the bill are holding out because they are concerned with the conference stage that comes before it goes to the president."

Despite the precarious web of committees, subcommittees and conferences the bill has to navigate before it arrives on President Barack Obama's desk, Karellas was optimistic about the possibilities such legislation could provide for those in both the public and private sectors.

"Positions in the wellness field will boom," he said. "A healthy workforce is by far more productive than an unhealthy one."

Gainer said the information-technology specialists would play a large role in establishing electronic health records as a means of simplifying and streamlining the health care process.

The overall attitude of the students who attended the lecture was positive. Senior Sean Rega, who is majoring in economics and Italian, was optimistic for the future of his career path and said there would always be room for risk management personnel.

Senior Juliana Hoffelder, a political science major, agreed.

"I think that the reform will provide a lot of opportunities to enter the government relations field," she said. "I'd like to get involved in government consulting, and this will make a lot of room there."

Others had some concerns about the future. Junior Jon Jasinski, a political science and history dual major, expressed concern over private sector jobs.

"Health care reform will probably create a lot of government bureaucracy at the cost of the private sector," Jasinski said. Jennifer Conrads, a graduate student in the new ESTEEM program that blends technology and entrepreneurship, was waiting to see what came of the reform before she decided.

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Parsons says she didn't think it would come quite as quickly as it has. "We've been working hard," said Las Vegas Democrat Cagley.

Cagley, 58, and Davis, 48, said they had been trying to schedule a ceremony for three years, and held a commitment ceremony on Oct. 13, 2008, in Las Vegas. They were also married in California on Oct. 7, 2008. Nevada was the third state to overturn gay marriage in the late 1990s, when Miller's mentor, Cagley, was the office design architect. Miller and his mother, Sandy, was Nevada's first lady.

Sandy Miller, who has known Cagley for many years, was on hand to share the couple's happy day.

"I wish them much happiness," she said.
thursday, october 1
THIN Guided Exhibit Tour
with Steve Moriarty, Curator of Photography
Snite Museum; 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Love Your Body, Love Thee Notre Dame
Poster Campaign

friday, october 2
Mean Girls Movie & Dialogue
Geddes Hall Auditorium; 7:00 pm

saturday, october 3
New “What is an Eating Disorder?” brochures
available in residence halls

sunday, october 4
Prayers for healing at campus Masses

monday, october 5
THIN Documentary Film Screening, with Q & A
Snite Museum Auditorium; 12:00 - 1:00 pm

tuesday, october 6
THIN Guided Exhibit Tour
with Steve Moriarty, Curator of Photography
Snite Museum; 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Mass & Dinner: Love Your Body; Feed your Soul
Mass: Ryan Hall chapel; 5:30 pm
Dinner: Ryan Hall social space; 6:30 pm
(RSVP required)

wednesday, october 7
FIRE Forum: Body Image & Eating Disorders
Geddes Hall Auditorium; 7:00 pm

thursday, october 8
LOVE YOUR BODY DAY
Yoga; TBA
Resource Tables
“Love Your Body” open mic and coffeehouse
Reckers; 8:00 - 9:30 pm
DENMARK

Olympic Committee prepares to select city for 2016 games

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — In 30 minutes, it will be over.

Years of preparations, arm-twisting, sweet-talking and hopes will be rejected or rewarded Friday when the International Olympic Committee votes to select the host for the 2016 Games.

Chicago, Rio de Janeiro, Madrid and Tokyo — one by one — will be eliminated in a tense half-hour of successive rounds of secret balloting until one stands alone.

Shortly afterward, IOC president Jacques Rogge will break open a sealed envelope containing the winner's name and utter the magic words: "The games of the 31st Olympiad are awarded to the city of...

But on the eve of the vote, the IOC's 106 members were, as ever, keeping their thoughts to themselves. Only Tokyo seemed to have fallen out of the running. Otherwise, it was still too close to call between the beaches and bossa nova of Rio, the bustle and Lake Michigan waterfront of Chicago or the European elegance of Madrid. Everyone had reason to be hopeful, none reason to be sure.

"This is the big question, how will it go?" said Willi Kalschmidt, an IOC member since 1985.

"There have been so many surprises in the past," he said. "It's very even at the moment. It all depends what happens in the first round."

As cities go out, loyalties will shift. That is where the contest will be won or lost. If Tokyo goes out first, will its supporters swing behind Rio, Madrid or Chicago and by how much for each? Could Madrid stun front-runners Chicago and Rio in the second round, knocking one of them out, with its seemingly solid core of backers?

The variables are such that any city could conceivably win or lose. A few votes either way could decide it. That is especially true this time, with all four cities seen as generally capable of holding the games. Some IOC veterans say there has been no closer contest in recent memory.

To prevent bribery, IOC members aren't allowed to visit the bidding cities — so they'll be deciding instead based on what they've read in committee reports. Some will go with their gut instincts, their emotions and personal interests.

As city president Barack Obama comes in, literally. He jets in Friday morning, for just five hours, to try to tip the outcome to Chicago. An Obama star turn could swing it — or possibly rebound against him if his adopted hometown is knocked out. Coming for the day of the vote is a political risk, but so, too, was the risk that Rio might win if Obama didn't lend his charisma and inspirational example to Chicago's final push.

His election as the first black president in U.S. history resonated loudly in Europe, which has the most IOC voting members — 46.

His wife, Michelle Obama, has worked the room before him, wooing IOC members with her charm and smarts.

The first lady flew in Wednesday. While hesitant to declare that Barack Obama's appearance could be decisive, IOC members acknowledged it was highly anticipated.

"It is a very special moment," said Gerhard Heiberg, an IOC executive board member from Norway. "Let me listen to him and see what kind of vision he has for the games."

Talk show star Oprah Winfrey is part of Chicago's hard sell, too. She swept Hollywood-style into the marbled lobby of the IOC hotel on Thursday, turning heads and stopping every other step to shake a hand or pose for a photo with IOC members and their wives.

But Chicago is up against equally charismatic opposition in the shape of Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. The bearded former union leader makes a compelling case for Rio. Foremost of those is that South America has never before held an Olympics and that the games shouldn't be the exclusive preserve of rich, developed countries. That is an argument the other cities can't use because their countries have all held the Olympics before. Like Mrs. Obama, Silva has been lobbying IOC members personally in Copenhagen, as has Spanish King Juan Carlos.

Rio appeals to IOC members who believe it's their duty to share the Olympic ideals and pursuit of sporting excellence with all corners of the globe. South America is also an untapped market for Olympic sponsors. The romantic appeal of Rio's beaches and mountains is strong. The soothing samba song "Mas que nada" — "Don't worry about it" — playing in the auditorium lent an exotic, dreamy air to a news conference that Silva held Thursday.

"For some countries, it is just one more sports event that they are going to organize," he said. "But for us, it is a unique and extraordinary thing."

He even borrowed Obama's catchphrase: "We want to overcome and show the world that yes we can."

The final throw of the dice for all four cities will be their 45-minute presentations of speeches and videos, followed by questions, that they will make in turn Friday before the vote. Kalschmidt said he believes that 40 percent of his colleagues on the IOC were undecided going into Friday and were waiting for the presentations to make up their minds.

"We've already heard about the technical plans. I want something more. I want to know about the vision. The leaders have to lift it up. I want to know why they want the games."

It takes a simple majority for victory, although it is unlikely that any city will win outright in the first or second rounds.

Rogge doesn't vote and, as long as their cities haven't been eliminated, neither can members from Brazil, the United States, Spain and Japan.

That leaves 97 voters in the first round, with more in subsequent rounds. In the event of a two-city tie in the early rounds, a runoff is held between the cities. If there is a tie in the final round, Rogge can vote or ask the IOC executive board to break the deadlock.

British bookmakers had Chicago pulling away in the last hours as the clear but not overwhelming favorite.

"But don't forget that Paris was the favorite to beat London last time," said Graham Sharpe, spokesman for betting agency William Hill. "The favorite doesn't always win."

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Dear Golden Tate,

We'll be sure to catch you anytime you score a touchdown!

Love,

The Band of the Fighting Irish
Security on and off campus

Last weekend, two Holy Cross students were kidnapped four blocks from campus. The University responded with its obligatory “Student safety is a top priority” statement but offered no plan of action. Last week’s kidnapping was not the first assault on the student community. In three years, there have been three shootings and an equal number of kidnappings. Students are assaulted and mugged; off-campus homes are vandalized on a regular basis. South Bend police continually warn students they are a target anytime they set foot off campus.

South Bend Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent said off-campus crime toward students has remained steady in the past several years, but these crimes are still too prevalent.

The University can’t — and shouldn’t — be responsible for policing the surrounding community. They have neither the resources nor the jurisdiction. But the dichotomy that exists between on and off campus needs to be addressed. Currently, the administration’s only plan of action is to use the crime statistics as a means of discouraging students from moving off campus.

Encouraging this separation from our surrounding environment only compounds the problem. Town-gown relations are already strained, and the University’s hypocritical stance on community interactions isn’t helping the problem. The administration encourages students to become more involved outside of the metaphorical Notre Dame bubble while simultaneously discouraging students from moving off campus.

Most universities nationwide expect students to flee the campus as soon as possible, with many providing university-owned housing and neighborhoods. Notre Dame, conversely, focuses any off-campus expansion on preventing student housing developments and promoting faculty benefits. The University’s Gentrification Project on Notre Dame Ave. provides housing for professors near campus, promoting a safe environment for their employees. But when it comes to extending the same courtesy to students, the administration and its $5 billion endowment fall short on funds. Many of the 1,500 students that chose to move off campus this year are forced to settle for cheap homes in shady neighborhoods.

While on-campus student safety may be a priority for the administration, off-campus students do not receive the same consideration. Notre Dame has the ability to influence the surrounding community and establishing a secure student neighborhood would be the first step in combating the growing crimes against students.

Students, too, must accept their role in off-campus safety. Acting drunk in public will not attract any positive attention. Common sense and precaution should be used at all times. South Bend isn’t Mayfield and this isn’t 1960. Know the dangers you face when you go out and plan accordingly. Until the University and local law enforcement work to reduce the student assaults, students are responsible for their own well-being.
With local crime on the rise in South Bend, I am surprised and concerned with the lack of University effort to protect their students, especially seniors, by making a moreconcerted effort to keep them on campus. The reason why upwards of 90 percent of the senior class want to move out of the dorms is no secret to anyone. Single-sex dorms and the parietal system are a part of the core mission of the University, which most students begrudge but accept. This does not change the fact that the majority of the student body feels they have outgrown the strict dorm rules by the time their 21st year and look forward to moving off campus. But must our safety be the price to pay to have our brothers spend the night on football weekends or a bottle of vodka legally in our possession?

Saint Mary’s College has fought this issue with their students by building Opus — a seniors only, fully furnished apartment building located right on campus. There are no RAs or rules enforced by the college, so it essentially has the perks of living off campus combined with the security of living on-campus. I encourage Notre Dame to follow suit.

Notre Dame students do not move off campus to marvel at the beauty of the South Bend community, they do it because they feel entitled to live a more independent lifestyle without the University rules. There is currently no option for Notre Dame students who want to live this independent lifestyle to also live on campus.

I do believe that Notre Dame strongly cares about the safety of their off-campus students and is very concerned about the rise in violence just a few blocks outside the gates. It is only wish the University would take action and try to keep their seniors within the security of the Notre Dame campus. Instead of pursuing plans to build another new dorm, please consider the option of building a seniors-only residence like Saint Mary’s.

Emily Chappell
off campus
Oct. 1

Printed mysogyny

Sometimes my world feels too comfortable, so I open the ol’ Observer to find anger fuel. On September 30 I viewed a heroin stew over the resultant bonfire, poetically speaking, with leftovers to last until graduation. Responding to the question of the day, “What could possibly be worse than this weather?” one male sophomore responds, “Being a woman.” I intend provocations: would anyone get printed for such pithy insights as “being in a concentration camp” or “being black?” How about “having special needs?” These sentiments do not deserve publication because freedom of speech does not protect public licencing “F— you” at every second. A man who walks past Moses did not mean to be taken so seriously! Relax. His statement is more akin to “uck Fichigan” than Nazi treatises on purifying the race.

Speaking of purity — a parallel viewpoint column entitled “Trust the Church” by Dale Parker (Sept. 30) argued against the ordination of women based on a study showing that children of mass-attending fathers are 22 times more likely to become mass-attending adults than children of mass-attending mothers. The logic is simple. Clearly, who women are and what women do as women is of less consequence — whether laugably or pitiable — than the world of men. If a father affects his children, how much more might a liturgical father?

And of course measurable results prove orthodox doctrinal formulation, if getting nailed on a cross is any indicatiion, or the difficulty men especially seem to find in keeping their fingers out of little children’s underwear.

On the other hand, if the erudite Mr. Brooks Smith of Sept. 24 is any indication, female clergy may in fact simultaneously enrage mass attendance and certain male bodily organs. Why not ordain women so that single dads will take their children to Church? This is absurd. I realize that it’s simpler to think within a private box, to maintain comic privileges for misogyny, to confirm authority by infinitely contingent “results.” Of course, this monologue comfort constitutes the ideological equivalent of masturbation, hooray. I’m glad The Observer has the space to catch and distribute the ejaculate.

Peter Hochstedler
senior
off campus
Oct. 1

U-WIRE

Peter Pan was my childhood hero. He had every quality a kid could want. He could fly, hang out with fairies and fight pirates in Never Never Land. Besides wearing the tights, I could really see myself doing all of those things and tried to emulate him in my own life. I always wondered why I wasn’t as much fun. I always had the tiaras, the costumes and the hair, but I could never really see myself doing all of those things. The reason for this is the syndrome we call Peter Pan Syndrome. This is a disease which causes us to believe we remain in childhood forever, like Peter Pan.

Peter Pan Syndrome is the pandemic of our generation. Manifestations of Peter Pan Syndrome include a refusal to grow up. It is the fear of the next stage in life. This is an understandable fear, especially when those who are afflicted with this syndrome are children. However, most of those attending classes at Texas Tech do not fit this category, yet still fill the criteria for Peter Pan Syndrome.

Symptoms include a refusal to go on dates, spending hours upon end playing video games and eating pizza every meal of the day. In short, it is a refusal to take responsibility for life. Undiagnosed and untreated, Peter Pan Syndrome will result in years wasted in the pursuit of things which do not matter.

There is a cure, but it requires more than just a pill or a workout regimen. First, we have to recognize the problem and then we have to make that next step. Change can be scary. It is ironic we as a nation voted on the platform of change in 2008, but yet fear change in our own lives. However, we must make that next step.

Life occurs in phases, and we do not need to fear the next phase in life. Perhaps it is time to devote yourself more to your schooling, get married to your long-time boyfriend or girlfriend, or get a job. Whatever that next step may be, taking responsibility is a good thing. It makes us more capable individuals and we find that happiness does come from successfully providing for those dependent on us.

The message is simple. We need to grow up. Things which are most important in life should not suffer from those things which are not. We need to put the pursuit of fun and entertainment on the bottom of the totem pole, below family, responsibility and personal development.

Those who join onto this ship of responsibility must beware of going overboard. We need to remember what happens in Disney’s sequel “Hook.” It is important to keep outside responsibilities in moderation. In the film, Peter Pan grows up and in a trip back to Never Never Land realizes he has become a jerk. He placed himself and his pursuits ahead of his family. This is yet another manifestation of Peter Pan Syndrome: selfishness. It is still a prioritization problem.

In college students, this is manifest into being fulfilled in what they do, instead of who they are. For example, some actually believe they will be fulfilled through their vocation. While we should do those things we enjoy, work is not the purpose of life. We need to understand that happiness stems from our identity, not our accomplishments.

The shadow of our accomplishments should never overpower the reality of our own selves.

So, my advice is simple: Re-prioritize. To those who you spend the bulk of your time pursuing your own happiness, look to others. You will find deeper fulfillment in relationships with others, in personal development (which is distinct from the pursuit of fun) and in devoting yourself to your studies (which is one of the purposes of your time in college).

To those who always seem too busy for these things, I advise you to simplify your life. Close the books, clock-out of work and reconnect with those who matter. Whether we relate more with Peter Pan as a young boy or as a man, it is time to grow up, to remember Never Never Land does not exist, and to keep fun and responsibility in moderation to those things which matter most.

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Try this on for size, literary theorists. We bring you a melee for the ages. The Mythological Creatures Tournament will allow the most famous beasts of all time to jump out of the pages onto the battlefield and pit their strengths against one another. It brings together 65 of the most terrifying (or not so terrifying) characters from mythology, literature, folklore and other assorted formats, fighting one-on-one in a specially crafted arena which allows the more intelligent characters to play to their strengths. The arena features an open field, a dense forest and a lake which all can be utilized throughout the battle. So fill out a bracket, stay tuned for the results, and have pen and paper (or just an e-mail) ready to argue why your favorite creature should not have been upset in the first round. It’s a clash of epic proportions. Are you prepared?

The Mythology Bracket

The Mythology Bracket is one without many pushovers. Despite the Kraken’s weak showing in the “Pirates of the Caribbean” films, it still retains a No. 1 ranking thanks to sheer size and strength. The Hydra comes in at a close second, since it has the ability to re-grow two heads for every single one it loses. And, starting with nine threatening craniaums is nothing to scoff at.

Seeded third is the Sphinx, quite possibly the most intelligent creature in the Mythology bracket. Its riddle only once toppled the great Oedipus, the hero and the Nymph, will likely struggle to have a strong start against some of mythology’s heaviest hitters, though don’t count out upsets in the later rounds.

The Folklore Bracket

Folklore is central to any culture, but more importantly, it contains gruesome creatures from the dark recesses of man’s imagination. After searching the globe, the most fearsome creatures were gathered for death matches of untold magnitude. The ferocity of these battles will be sung through the ages, the victors glorified and the defeated shamed of the masses.

The Literary Bracket

The Literary Bracket rivals the mythology bracket for most brute strength and may have the two most formidable top seeds, the Balrog and the Dragon. Both will be nearly impossible to defeat, since both are large, powerful and have human-like intelligence. The other top seeds, Grendel, Merlin and the Ent also have the advantage of intelligence, which...

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**MYTHOLOGY**

- Kraken
- Faun
- Paul Bunyan
- Jack Frost
- Chupacabra
- Boogeyman
- Yeti
- Jersey Devil
- Tiyanak
- Leprechaun
- Sasquatch
- Mermaid
- Jackalope
- Medusa
- Cockatrice
- Chimera
- Griffin
- Hydra

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**FOLKLORE**

- Fairy/Nymph
- Minotaur
- Cerberus
- Manticore
- Pegasus
- Scylla
- Harpy
- Medusa
- Cyclops
- Sphinx
- Cockatrice
- Chimera
- Jack Frost
- Chupacabra
- Boogeyman
- Werewolf
- Hodag
- Loch Ness Monster
- Gremlin
- Yeti
- Tiyanak
- Leprechaun
- Sasquatch
- Mermaid
- Genie
- Jackalope
makes upsets unlikely.

Notice the distinction between the 6th-seeded Vampire and the 16th-seeded Sparkly "Twilight" Vampire. One strikes fear into the heart of whomever he comes across, and the other, while blessed with super-speed and super-strength, cares more about feelings than actual aggression.

The Elf, Centaur and Dwarf are all interesting characters to watch, since their high intelligence and fighting skills will help them throughout the tournament. Their lack of size and overly powerful attacks will be their only downfalls if they have any.

The Phoenix vs. Giant matchup is one of the most interesting first-round battles. While the Giant has the size and power advantage, the Phoenix has flying ability and greater intelligence, and may be able to lure the Giant into a less advantageous fighting location.

Another exciting first-round battle is between the aforementioned Centaur and Vampire. While the Vampire has the ability to fly, he loses his size and attacking ability when doing so, and Centaurs are extremely well-suited for speed while fighting.

Frankenstein, the Gnome and the Goblin received unfortunate first-round draws, and have little chance of doing any damage to their much larger, stronger, smarter and more powerful foes.

Though dominated by the higher seeds, the Literary bracket does have some interesting first-round battles, and will become infinitely more contested in the later rounds.

The Miscellaneou s Bracket

The fierce smorgasbord that is the Miscellaneous Bracket contains a mish-mash of terrifying creatures. It is guaranteed to deliver exciting match-ups in which any beast has a shot to make it all the way.

The top three seeds are among the strongest in the tournament. Godzilla, a ginormous lizard that terrorized Tokyo, is expected to burn through the bracket. However, a previous defeat by the nation of Japan shows trouble closing the game. God tongue, at No. 2, makes Donkey Kong look like a puff pastry. A lack of buildings on the course may present difficulties in the later rounds. Predator, the strongest seed in the tournament, is the best warrior in the universe. He will make an asset of the terrain with his formidable intelligence and deadly arsenal, including a shoulder-mounted energy cannon, invisibility, wolverine-style claws, bladed Frisbees of death and, most of all, dreadlocks.

Moving down the bracket, more strong opponents will enter the arena. The tall, strong, furry, intelligent Wookie will make use of his energy bowcaster. Alien will terrify his opponents with a whip-like tail, sharp teeth, acid blood, intelligence and massive claws. The Gargoyle continues this display of power, with flight and razor sharp talons and teeth. Being made of animated stone, it has an impregnable defense.

The more unfortunate low seeds present untapped upset potential. The Monty Python rabbit has long, sharp, point teeth. It leaps about! Look at the bones! The Dust Bunny is the monster under your bed. Any creature with allergy problems beware.

Strap on your seatbelts kids, it's gonna be a wild ride. So many lasers, explosions and slow motion dramatics, it'll make Michael Bay cry. Expect excitement every second and gruesome deaths around every corner.

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Douglas, If who are back in the playoffs victory eliminated Atlanta, their missing a month with a sore four straight, were off Thursday the NL West title if the Rockies over the Rockies get sliced to through a cloudless sky.

At 91-58, the Rockies set a row," for the first time in their 17-

They chased left-batter Cameron's (11-11) with a five runs and six hits in 2 2-3 innings.

Ankiel replaced Parra and struck out Ryan Spillbrough to end the inning. Parra allowed five runs and six hits in 2 2-3 innings.

Firing Hurdle following a stint of no smoking. no pets.

We're celebrating right now. "We're winning 21 of 22 on their way to one on Wednesday number to one on Wednesday.

When Troy Tulowitzki, center, celebrates after a 9-2 victory over the Brewers to clinch a spot in the National League playoffs on Thursday.

Huston Street and outfielder Troy Tulowitzki said they being 3 runs, 10 hits, no walks, 4 strikeouts.

The Rockies, who were 12

For the last weekend, and we've still got a shot," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We've got to beat the Royals and... Come on, Ozzie! I'm going to leave him a note."

Detroit manager Jim Leyland was ejected during a face-to-face argument with umpire Angel Hernandez in the top of the inning, following an inside pitch. Then, Tigers pitcher Jeremy Bonderman and Laird were tossed in the home half.

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**NFL**

San Francisco 49ers’ running back Glen Coffee, center, eludes Minnesota Vikings tacklers Chad Greenway (52), Kevin Williams (93) and Cedric Griffin (23) during the second half of an NFL game on Sept. 27 in Minneapolis.

49ers’ Coffee to start for injured Gore

Coffee was limited by a groin injury.

**BASEB**

**Hasselbeck misses practice, may miss game**

RENTON, Wash. — Matt Hasselbeck has missed yet another practice for the Seahawks. He remains likely to miss a second consecutive game Sunday at Indianapolis.

The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback broke some light throwing behind the huddle Thursday. It was the most he’s done in a practice since he broke a rib at San Francisco Sept. 20.

Backup Seneca Wallace again ran the offense and figures to start.

Sunday would be the 11th time Hasselbeck has been out injured since the start of the 2008 season. The Seahawks are 3-7 without him in that span.

Tackle Walter Jones and guard Bob Sims — the left side of Seattle’s offensive line — were also out injured. Fill-in tackle Brandon Frye was limited by a groin injury.

**IN BRIEF**

Pacers to be missing players for preseason opener

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers coach Jim O’Brien expects to be without several key players in Friday’s preseason opener against Chicago at Conseco Fieldhouse.

That could mean extended minutes for All-Star Danny Granger, starting point guard T.J. Ford and veteran center Jeff Foster, among others.

The Pacers, who finished 36-46 last season and missed the playoffs for the third straight year, will be without starter Mike Dunleavy (knee), first-round draft pick Tyler Hansbrough (oblique), backup guard Travis Diener (foot) and free agent guard Earl Watson (personal reasons).

Starting forward Troy Murphy is listed as questionable with a strained left ankle.

“Don’t you want to play anybody more than two quarterbacks, but at the same time, you have to have five guys on the court at the end of the game,” O’Brien said Thursday.

Nike denies signing contract with Eagles’ Vick

NEW YORK — Nike said Thursday it does not have a “contractual relationship” with Michael Vick, a day after the quarterback’s agent announced a deal with the manufacturer.

In a statement released Thursday morning, Nike said it has “agreed to supply product to Michael Vick as we do a number of athletes who are not under contract with Nike.”

On Wednesday, Michael Principe, the managing director of BEST, the agency that represents Vick, announced the Philadelphia Eagles player had a new deal with Nike during a panel discussion at the Sports Sponsorship Symposium.

“He actually just became a Nike client,” Principe said Wednesday. “He has a new deal with Nike that we’re all very pleased about.”

Principe declined comment Thursday.

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compiled from the observer’s wire services
Favre not out for revenge against Green Bay

Associated Press
GREEN BAY, Wis. — One minute, Brett Favre sternly insists he isn't out for revenge against the Green Bay Packers on Monday night. The next, he says it's only human for him to feel like he has something to prove to the team that traded him.

In his first extended interview session with Wisconsin-based reporters since well before his retirement saga went public, Favre acknowledged that his motivation for coming back last year isn't based on revenge.

"None of that matters now anyway," Favre said. "What matters is this game Monday night, and that's all the matters. This team has welcomed me here. It's really added juice to it, no doubt about it, so we'll just leave it at that."

Favre reiterated he still considers Green Bay a "special place," but said he understands that some Packers fans have turned against him. "I'm proud of the career I had there," Favre said. "So if there are people at this point that have picked sides, I'm not surprised by it. But you can't take that away. So it is what it is. But I can't control that."

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"What matters is this game Monday night, and that's all the matters. This team has welcomed me here. It's been a lot of fun, it's been a lot of work, but I'm having a good time. And that's all that matters."

Favre said his main motivation for signing with the Vikings as a free agent — after retiring for a second time following a season with the Jets — was to win a Super Bowl.

"I'll like to win it all," Favre said. "I don't feel like I need to prove anything to anyone, first of all, I'm very proud of my career."

But if he's not out for revenge on the Packers and still wanted to play, why didn't he just stay with the Jets? Favre said at the end of last season, he wasn't willing to have the surgery he'd need on his torn right biceps tendon to continue playing.

"I knew I had an injury that would require surgery if I chose to play," Favre said. "And as disappointed as I was, I chose to go home and not have it and they chose to go in a different direction. That's how it evolved."

"OK, so why did he ask to be released from his Jets contract when he retired?"

"It's human nature to feel. I didn't use the word revenge, but said his career moves over the past year aren't based on revenge. "Never was motivated for that reason," Favre said in a conference call. "No. That has nothing to do with it."

But when reminded of his comments to si.com in February, in which Favre said part of his motivation for coming back last season was "sticking it" to Thompson, Favre acknowledged he did want to show the Packers he still belonged in the NFL.

"It's human nature to feel, I didn't use the word revenge, but to prove that you still could play," Favre said. "To prove someone wrong, or prove a group wrong. So you can call it what you want."

Favre will be wearing the purple uniform of the Packers' bitter North rival at the Metrodome on Monday night, but said his former teammates and his words in Minnesota, "we're really looking forward to playing the game, like we do every year. There is definitely added juice to it, no doubt about it, so we'll just leave it at that."

Packers coach Mike McCarthy wasn't about to step back into a controversy that caused a major disruption during last year's training camp before Favre was traded to the New York Jets.

"I'm not going to comment on his thoughts and his words or anybody's thoughts or their words in Minnesota," McCarthy said. "We're really looking forward to playing the game, like we do every year. There is definitely added juice to it, no doubt about it, so we'll just leave it at that."

Favre's comments come one day after he was appointed as Packers coach Mike McCarthy's offensive consultant.

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NBA

NBA heads into season with refs locked out

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With its regular referees locked out, the NBA is confident in its roster of replacements — even the two it previously fired.

The NBA begins preseason play Thursday night with 62 referees. The league said more than half have officiated in the NBA Development League, and all but five have worked the summer league.

It also said the two with league experience, Michael Henderson and Robbie Robinson, were some of the best replacements available.

Realizing the scrutiny the backups face, the league reminded teams Wednesday about its rules against publicly criticizing the officials. But senior vice president of referee operations Ron Johnson believes the teams won’t have much to complain about.

“I think some people rise to the most amazing level of performance at amazing times,” Johnson said on a conference call. “So we’ll see.”

Denver Visits Utah in the first game, and Troy Maddox, Doldre Carr and CJ Washington will officiate. The replacements will be paid $1,100 per game, same as a first-year officials and more than they were paid in the D-League or WNBA.

The league had the replacements in training camp last weekend, but thought it wouldn’t need them. The NBA said the referees union agreed in principle on a new contract last Friday, but backed out of the deal two days later. The league then told teams Tuesday it was going ahead with the backups.

“The teams and we in the best of worlds would like to have our current staff opening the season of course. They’re the best 60 referees in the world. But having rejected the agreement reached by their negotiators, we’re left with no choice but to use replacement referees,” president of league and basketball operations Joel Litvin said.

“That’s not ideal, but this is part of the sports business and we’re moving on with this group. We have plenty of confidence in this group.”

Still, Litvin said he expected some players to vent about the quality of officiating, so the league sent a memo to the teams warning them of the penalties for comments about the referees in presenting the frequent complaints that were heard during the last lockout in 1995.

“I can assure you, there will be less of that this time around,” Litvin said.

The NBA expects the officiating to be stronger this time because it is relying on replacements from within its own system. While the 1995 backups were mostly from the Continental Basketball Association, this time 20 are from the D-League, WNBA or NCAA Division I.

“When you work in an NBA summer league, or work in the D-League, you are essentially working for our referee operations staff,” Litvin said, “applying our rules, the NBA rules, our call interpretations, our mechanics, and these are all people who have officiated NBA players before.”

Only Henderson and Robinson have done it in NBA games, and their rehiring was a disappointment to the union. Johnson said while they were fired because their performance didn’t measure up to regular referees, it fits with the replacement group.

“We don’t just get fired because we’re incompetent, they get fired because relative to the performance of the staff who are full-time referees, they were released. Indeed, they’ve gotten some experience, they’ve been around, they’ve seen the game of practice, I think they’re ready to go.”

Litvin said no further talks are planned with the regular referees, whose contract expired Sept. 1. So the replacement officials could be around a white — and the NBA is OK with that.

It is very, very familiar with the abilities of referees at every level. We know these guys,” Litvin said. “We didn’t reach out to anybody who we didn’t think could handle this job.”

MLB

Sabean, Bochy close to new deals

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants are close to finalizing deals for general manager Brian Sabean and manager Bruce Bochy, according to a person with knowledge of the situation.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details were still being worked out and the club hadn’t made a formal announcement. That person did say the two with strength.

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Spies Week

Sunday will bring a meeting of two teams with only losses on their record and players ready to add wins when Pangborn faces Lyons.

Pangborn (0-2) is ready to come back after a loss to Wendel with Pasquerilla West ended in a 6-0 shutout with an 18-12 loss to Walsh. After graduating multiple outstanding seniors last year, the team has lifted to fill the voids, but with weeks of practice, they have their belts. The team is ready to take on Pangborn.

Pangborn’s offense is led by junior quarterback and co-captain Gabby Tate and sophomore wide receiver Faith Pasquerilla. Senior co-captain Megan Becher also takes the lead, playing pretty much wherever she is needed on the field.

“We are a mainly throwing team,” sophomore captain Julie Cooney said. “We have a talent-ed defensive line and many strong options on the receiving end.

Defensively, the ladies rely on senior linebacker, center and co-captain Ankie Kotz and senior captain Emiline Pasquerilla. Freshmen are also looking promising on both sides of the game, namely Colleen Bailey on the offensive line and Kristin Ruktet at wide receiver.

“Hopefully we can stay our time together and do our best to maximize all our strengths,” Cooney said.

After a tough 18-0 loss to Ryan, Lyons is ready to come back and win the game.

They are ready to see senior captain and co-captain Claire Connell lead the offense, along with wide receivers seniors Maria Petisagh and sophomore Caroline Maroney. This triple threat has proved itself in the past, and hopes to do so again this season.

Their defense is held together by sophomores Kat Rodriguez and Emily Dore and are working together to lead the freshmen new to the game.

“We really love our game this year. The ball goes in and out, ” Connell said. “Now we need to work on stopping the run game and being more in sync on offense.”

Pangborn hopes to face each other Sunday at LaBar Fields at 4 p.m.

Badin vs. Walsh

Ralph Curley and head Walsh in its first regular-season defeat in more than a year’s Sunday. Walsh lost last weekend, escaping with a close victory over Pangborn. “Last week we had a lot of confidence that we were able to come away with a win,” senior captain Methadon said. “But that’s the past. This season is going to be a lot different. We have to handle it marvellously and we came out on top.”

The team is committed to making up for a disappointing season during the last year of the season. They have eyed the Stadium since the season started.

“Our goal for the year is to come back, ” junior captain Gabby Tate and sophomore Running Back Brittni Robertson is excited to see the team. “We need to show why we’re special and why we’re confident in our team, especially the defense.” Cline said.

The Chaos have an impressive offense as well. So the team is looking to prove that they are not a one-trick pony.

Emily Dore McGlinn captain

“"We're on a flag pulling to avoid giving up the big play."""
Associated Press

TORONTO — Montreal defense­man Josh Gorges scored with only 12.8 seconds left on the overtime clock, and Carey Price made 43 saves in the Canadiens’ season­opening 4-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

The Canadiens were badly out­shot and thoroughly outplayed by Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night. They got some help from former teammate Mike Komisarek, who was in the penalty box for two Montreal goals.

Brian Gionta, Travis Moen and Glen Metropolit also scored for the Canadiens.

Gionta opened the scoring after the next faceoff, taking a nice pass from Cammalleri and beating Toskala at 11:05. It was the first points in a Canadiens uni­form for the two big summer free­agent signings.

Toronto had controlled much of the play until that point and soon regained the momentum.

Before the game, Maple Leafs coach Ron Wilson expressed concern that Komisarek might get a double­high sticking penalty in the first period for cutting open the Leafs goalie after a tough end to last season and couldn’t be faulted for either of the first two goals. He was plenty busy, too — when the horn sounded to end the sec­ond period, Toronto was out­shooting Montreal 30-13. The third period, the Canadiens were called for a pair of goaltender interference penal­ties and Stajan put the Leafs ahead for the first time while Moen was serving the second. He had a wide­open net at 9:09 after Jason Blake made a risky move to the kick the puck up to his stick and slid it in front.

The Maple Leafs appeared to have the game in hand until Komisarek took a late elbowing penalty — his fifth minor of the night to go with a fighting major. On the power play, Metropolit tipped a point shot at 15:50 that appeared to go in and out of Toskala’s glove.
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Olson, Petrovic tied for lead at Turning Stone

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VERONA, N.Y. — Leif Olson decided to give golf another shot after a lengthy layoff. He's showing signs he might have made a good choice.

Overcoming adverse conditions on a blustery day, Olson shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to tie Tim Petrovic for the final-round lead at the Turning Stone Resort Championship.

Olson, a 28-year-old rookie from Denver, had to advance through all three stages of Qualifying School to earn his 2009 card on the cut line.

"I consider it really my first main year playing as a professional," said Olson, the former Duke player who but played only the 2004 U.S. Open on the PGA Tour prior to this year. "I played pro just for like a summer and then I stopped. I just kind of started up last summer."

Petrovic chipped in twice during his round, posting seven birdies and one bogey. It's the third time this season he's opened with a 66.

"It would be nice to get a victory at the end of the year," said Petrovic, whose lone victory was the 2005 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. "I've been a few shots away a few times."

One shot behind were Matt Kuchar, John Senden, and Vaughn Taylor.

Adam Scott, Scott Gutschewski, Kevin Stadler, Ken Duke, Jimmy Walker, Nicholas Thompson, and Robert Lossie shot 68s. Defending champ Dustin Johnson birdied his last two holes to finish at 69.

The round was halted in the morning and had to weather a steady rain and temperatures which was also the last time it snowed during a tournament.

Overcoming a tough start, Olson, best-known for a hole-in-one at the Canadian Open when his ball caromed off playing partner Kris Blanks' ball and rolled into the hole.

So-called preferred lies "through the green" also will be in effect Friday. The last time that happened on the PGA Tour was at the 2005 BellSouth Classic, which was also the last time it snowed during a tournament.

Petrovic and Olson teed off in the morning and had to weather a steady rain and temperatures because of darkness with a handful of players still on the course.

With seagulls replacing fans along a fairway or two and Canada goose squawking loudly overhead on their long journey south, intermittent and sometimes heavy rain and temperatures that never reached 50 made the first day of the Fall Series tailor-made for waterfowl over the soggy Moatvale Golf Club course.

"I was expecting worse," Justin Rose said after a 69. "I pretty much put on half my suitcase today, so I didn't feel the cold. I think we got a little bit of a break because the wind didn't blow. It made it playable."

A year ago, wind, rain and a brief shower of hail forced two weather delays on the second round. There were no delays on Thursday, but because there was so much standing water on the course players were allowed a penalty — to lift and drop on all areas except teeing grounds, greens and hazards.

In the rough you can see it up. That's a big thing," said Olson, who has only made the cut in two of his last four starts. "I was trying to keep my head down."

Olson, sporting a striped knit cap pulled tightly over his ears, matched his previous round on tour, a 66 at the Canadian Open when his ball caromed off playing partner Kris Blanks' ball and rolled into the hole.

"I didn't care if I made birdies and eagles or bogeys and double bogeys. I didn't care if I changed my mind at the 17th hole. I was just trying to keep my head down."

A 43-year-old Petrovic carded five birdies on the back nine. He hit inside 8 feet from 203 yards at the par-4 17th hole and made birdie, then followed that by hitting inside 6 feet at No. 18 from 146 yards to make the birdie there.

The lone blemish on Petrovic's game was a double bogey at the par-5 eighth hole. His third shot found the tee and birdied four of the most difficult holes on the course.

"It was a long ball hitting course," said Olson, 814th in the world ranking. "Hopefully, we'll see, just take it day by day. Guys are going to tear it up tomorrow. You just want to get off to a good start."

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Stadler, also among the early finishers, had a birdie and eagle on the front side and two more birdies on the back to go with a bogey at No. 13.

"It's one of those days where I was not really thinking about score," said Stadler, who held out from 117 yards for eagle at the par-5 eighth. "I knew it was going pretty well, but without really playing too well. I'm very happy to be done with it and kind of in the back of my mind I'm hoping it's going to be miserable for the rest of them this afternoon."

It was. The wind picked up to nearly 15 mph at times, and Olson, who has only made four cuts in 17 events, sits atop the leaderboard because he averaged nearly 260 yards off the tee and birdied four of the most difficult holes on the course. He hit to within 10 feet or closer of each of the pins at Nos. 2, 7, 11 and 13, finishing the day with seven birdies and one bogey.

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Carpenter tallies 6 RBIs, grand slam in win

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CINCINNATI — Ace pitcher Chris Carpenter hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, getting the St. Louis Cardinals back on track with his arm and bat in a 13-0 rout of the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday. Carpenter's first career homer capped a five-run second inning for the Cardinals, who had lost five of six — including three straight since clinching the NL Central title with a win at Colorado last Saturday. He added a two-run double during a four-run fifth to match the career RBI total he brought into the game.

The right-hander also threw five innings of three-hit ball for his 17th win. Carpenter's grand slam was the 10th by a Cardinals pitcher and first since Kent Mercker connected at Florida on Sept. 2, 1998. The previous major league pitcher to hit a grand slam was Jason Marquis for the Chicago Cubs off New York Mets left-hander Jonathon Niese on Sept. 22, 2008, at Shea Stadium, according to STATS LLC.

The last pitcher to have six RBIs in a game was Micah Owings for Arizona at Atlanta on Aug. 18, 2007, STATS said. Owings now pitches for the Reds.

St. Louis' Tony La Russa snapped a tie with Hall of Fame New York Giants manager John McGraw for second place on the career list of games managed. La Russa is at 4,770, behind only Connie Mack's 7,775.

The Cardinals scored their most runs in a game since setting their season high in a 14-7 win over Pittsburgh on Sept. 4. The win was their biggest of the season, surpassing a 10-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 28.

Carpenter (17-4), who struck out six and walked one, has won his last five starts against the Reds, including all four this season.

Third baseman Troy Glaus, who had shoulder surgery on Jan. 21 and wasn't activated until Sept. 1 before missing another 16 days with a side injury, got the scoring started in the second with a single — his first RBI of the season.

Yadier Molina, who had been out since Saturday with a bruised left knee, singled and Rendy Ryan was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Carpenter, who had one RBI this season before lining the first pitch from Kip Wells an estimated 381 feet into the left-field seats.

Wells (2-5) lasted two batters into the third inning. The right-hander was roughed up for five hits and five runs with one walk and one strikeout before being replaced by Owings.

Owings got Cincinnati's first hit off Carpenter with a one-out, opposite-field double to right in the third. The plate appearance was the first for Owings since he was hit in the helmet by a pitch Sept. 6 at Atlanta, leaving him with a concussion and punctured eardrum.

The game was delayed for 9 minutes in the top of the second when plate umpire Brian O'Nora came out of the game with an injured right knee. Wells bounced a pitch that got past catcher Corky Miller and hit O'Nora on the inside of his knee. Adrian Johnson moved from first base to behind the plate, and the game continued with three umpires.
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should work to their benefit.  
"We have a good mix.  
You have guys from every class,  
freshman to seniors, play and 
contribute greatly. In reality, 
many of our players really 
help us have fun as a team."
As the slow start, 
Duncan seemed poised to 
build upon it around this 
week.
"We have practiced 
twice a week, focusing 
especially on those aspects of 
the game that were our 
downfalls in the previous 
game."
"For this week's game, 
we want to play mistake-free 
offense (for a change)," Yuhas said.
The first two games we 
were 0-2 and dropped 
costly penalties and 
mental lapses."
Morrissey, 
hope to run 
plan to run it down 
the Blue Dragons' 
throats.
"Our back-
headed 
offensive 
backfield, 
senior quarterback Danny 
Dekay and sophomore 
back David Ulery, 
should have a big game on Sunday," Yuhas said.
The Highlanders and the 
Moor will do battle 
at 1 p.m. on the Rieble Field.

Fisher vs. St. Edward's
When Fisher (0-1) and St. 
Edward's (0-1) meet this week, 
each will be hoping to define 
their season with a hallmark 
victory.
Both teams hope to get 
their first win of the season. 
Fisher was shut out in 
its season-opening loss, and only 
managed six points in a tie 
with Carroll.
"We4 Dragons lost to 
Carroll to open their season 
and then we tied off. 
St. Ed's hopes that their by 
week will be a refresher for 
the team. They plan to add 
the win column.
The Gentleman defense 
and 
onto the Green 
Wave from reaching the end 
zone.
"We have some real solid 
seniors on defense," senior 
captain Andy Neeter said.
Freshman Bob Dillard looks 
to lead the Dragons on 
the defensive side of the ball.

After having some time to 
practice and prepare for 
Fisher, the Gentleman will 
come out strong against 
the Green Wave.
"It's going to be like 
the Little Giants responding 
in the second half 
calling the shots in.

Andy Neeter 
St. Edward's captain 
points and keeping them 
in the game."
"The defense has played 
very well," Mahoney said.
"We need to keep the 
ball in the back of our 
opponents' minds."
The Knights have worked 
hard in practice this week 
to correct the mistakes that led 
to the 0-2 start.
"We gave our best effort 
at practice this week and we 
will bring it to the game," 
Mahoney said. "We need to 
show the intensity because 
every week is a playoff game 
for us now."
"We need to come 
out firing in the intensity 
category."
The game will be played 
Sunday at 3 p.m. on the Rieble Field.

Stanford vs. Dillon
Stanford (1-0) and Dillon 
(1-0) face off this Saturday 
in a battle of undefeated teams 
that promises to be a defensive 
struggle.
Neither team has given 
a point so far this season, but 
both meet their downfall 
Sunday.
"I'm really excited about 
what we've done so far," Big 
Red captain Jordan Smith 
said. "The defense and 
running game have really led 
us to this point."
Dillon will look to 
quarterback Tony Rizzo 
throughout the game as 
well as to its athletic 
backfield of 
senior Terry Howard 
and 
 Herbert to break the 
formation. 
The offensive 
Stanford defense, 
while the 
defenders will really rely 
on their 
backing. 
The offense, 
the game's 
strength.
"We want to make 
them start thinking 
about us," Stanford 
senior captain Chris 
Gill said. "We're pretty 
confident that this is a 
true test, we'll end up on 
the winning 
side nine times out of 
10."

When the 
Griffins have the ball, 
they will utilize their 
running attack to open 
opportunities for junior 
quarterback Tony Rizzo through 
the air. The Big Red loss 
Yulia to a knee injury last 
week, which may complicate 
their running game defense.
Both squads know 
each other well, having 
battled five times in the last 
developmental years, 
including the Griffin playoff 
season.
"I think the Griffins have 
been close," said Smith. "It's going to 
be a very hard-fought 
contest."
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SMC SOCCER

Belles look for MIAA win

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After dropping their first two MIAA matches of the season, Saint Mary’s looks to bounce back when they take on Trine at home Saturday.

In the first match of their conference schedule, the Belles (3-7-3) lost a tough match against Adrian College, 3-0. Saint Mary’s gave up three first-half goals before holding the Bulldogs scoreless in the second half.

"I was greatly disappointed with the result of Wednesday’s game," coach Ryan Crabbe said. "I had much higher expectations heading into the first conference match. Because of the strong non-conference schedule we have already played, I felt we were more than prepared. In the second half, we simply played well enough not to give up another goal. We never really threatened to score a goal of our own."

The problem for the Belles this season, which reared its ugly head again against Adrian, has been capitalizing on their chances and keeping other teams off the scoreboard in the first half. "We can’t fall behind early in matches," Crabbe said. "We need to learn how to play from the front, meaning being the stronger team and imposing our game plan on our opponent. We have to make changes moving forward."

Trine (0-10) is having an even rougher season than the Belles. The winless Thunder have been outscored 47-7 this season. But Crabbe is not as concerned with the opponent as he is with his own team’s progress.

"At this point, I am less concerned about who is next and more concerned about how we prepare," he said. "We need to find players willing to work hard and not make excuses. Our only goal again is to get a win! On Saturday that we can get back into the race for one of the six spots that qualify for the conference tournament."

Last season the Belles had little trouble with the Thunder winning 4-0 at home.

"After Trine, Saint Mary’s will play three consecutive home games, two against MIAA opponents," Crabbe said. "Saturday’s game against Trine will kick off at 10 a.m."

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary’s wins 3rd Jamboree

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In what some might consider the most important match of the year so far, Saint Mary’s put on another impressive performance on the course which earned a first place in the third MIAA Jamboree of the season.

The Jamboree, which was held at Kalamazoo University, provided the No. 2 Belles with an opportunity to expand their conference lead going into this weekend’s fourth and final MIAA event of the year, which will be held in South Bend at Blackthorn Golf Club.

Accordingly, the team responded with a record, shooting a total score of 335, the best team round ever posted by Kalamazoo’s Milham Park Golf Club. The previous best was 335.

Martyna Mierzwka added another chapter to an already impressive freshman season by claiming medalist honors for the second time in an MIAA jamboree and the fourth time this fall with a low score of 74. This boosted the Saint Mary’s record for lowest round in an MIAA event.

Following Mierzwka was sophomore Natalie Matuszak, who finished in third place with an 82.

Looking ahead, this weekend’s tournament is the final chance for Saint Mary’s to build a buffer before going into the MIAA Championship next weekend. Captain Perri Hamma emphasized the importance of the match on multiple levels.

"This is our home turf," Hamma said. "So not only do we need to protect our course but we have to take advantage of the fact that we know this course better than any other team."

Hamma had a difficult time naming one player who she hoped to step up this season, but for good reason.

"I would have to say that the entire team has surprised me this season," the captain said. "We have all worked so hard to get where we are and have worked well as a team on and off the course."

"The top five need to come out and get into the rounds as the first hole through the last," Hamma said. "If we do that, I know we will not only win but we will gain some ground on the other teams."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team heads to triangular

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Saint Mary’s is not going to let a dog-tired tournament ruin their weekend, as they will head head up to Anderson, Ind., to participate in a triangular along with Anderson and the Pennsylvaniasatu Saturday.

Despite the fact that this was not their originally planned event, Belles coach Tony Kuschel emphasized the importance of this weekend’s matches.

"These are both non-conference teams", Kuschel said.

"But the wins will be important going into next week’s games against Calvin on Tuesday and Trine and Adrian next Friday and Saturday."

Despite having won three of their last four conference matches, Kuschel said her team needed to re-focus after a close game to rival Kalamazoo last Wednesday.

"My team needs to re-focus on getting back to the basics and having fun out on the court together," Kuschel said.

The Belles hope to raise their overall record this weekend, which currently stands at 7-6, and take that momentum into next week in hopes of improving on a less than desirable conference record of 3-4.

Key players to watch in this weekend’s matches are Freshman Stephanie Bodien and senior Loretta Slupczynski, both of whom are coming off impressive games in this weekend’s win. Bodien had 15 kills, seven of which came in the first set, while Slupczynski led the team with 17 kills and 14 digs.

Saturday’s matches begin at 3 p.m.

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game," Curtis said. "We had great practices this week and we made all the improve-
ments we needed to."

The second half began with promising progress by Lyons, but Ryan came through with a
strong stop on Lyons' fourth
down. Ryan controlled the
rest of the game.

A run by freshman Leslie Sullivan started the roll that lasted until the end of the

game. A pass from Bowen to fresh­
man Kelly Collins gave Ryan its second touchdown.

Soon after that, Ryan scored
its second touchdown.

Cavanaugh 6, Walsh 0

The mud that coated victori-
ous Walsh following its 6-0
victory over Cavanaugh was
evidence of the hard-fought
test the two teams.

A steady rain that quickly
entered into a torrential downpour in the second half
cause problems for both
teams on the offensive side of
the field.

"The conditions were
difficult," Walsh junior quarter-
back Amy Langnecker said. "But the team
stayed positive and kept their heads up."

The Walsh defense had its way with the Cavanaugh offense, as the Stairway defen-
sive line plugged up the Cavanaugh running attack while the rain made passing
difficult. The first half consist-
ed of numerous punts and
done, driving the ball 50 yards to
the score to break the

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stretch in Big East competi-
tion this season, Notre Dame

17-3, 3-0 Big East. We

were picked second in the league's preseason poll.

The tandem of sophomore
Melissa Henderson and jun-
or Lauren Fowlkes lead the
Irish offensively with five
goals apiece this season.
Henderson is the reigning
big East's National
Division.

Looking ahead at the
Irish's schedule, they will
remain on the road with
matches against Rutgers and

Seadon next week, next week

before returning home for a
four-
game Big East home stand to

begin at 6 p.m. Sunday's
game with Pittsburgh will

be a match with the Panthers. Pittsburgh is 2-0-1, 0-0 in Big East

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back on track.

"Seton Hall is another Big East test, and, as we have already found out, there are no easy matches in our conference," Clark said. "We tied Seton Hall last year and hopefully we can go one better this year. I always say that both winning and losing can be habits so it's really important that we get into good habits starting Friday." After playing rival Michigan to start the season, Notre Dame traveled to Bloomington for the adidas/1 Credit Union Classic. In one of the toughest tournament slates in the nation, the Irish tied then-No. 5 Week Forest before losing to then-No. 4 St. John's, but then dropped a 1-0 match to unranked Cincinnati. By all accounts, the season has been frustrating for the talented Irish, who have been unable to put together consecutive wins at any point this fall. Still, Notre Dame has plenty of room to make up ground in the seven remaining Big East matches before the Big East championship in early November.

"We must take one match at a time and absolutely focus on the job on hand."  
**Bobby Clark**  
**Irish coach**

**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish open home slate against ‘Cats

**By LAURA MYERS**

Sports Writer

Notre Dame (8-4, 2-0 Big East) will open its home conference schedule with a match against Villanova Sunday.

The Wildcats (11-4, 6-2) have been very successful so far in 2009 but fell to Cincinnati and Louisville last weekend in their opening Big East matches.

"I think the Big East race goes throughout the whole season, and with them opening 0-2 ... they for sure don't want to go further in that direction," coach Debbie Brown said. "They're going to be very focused. Brown said the Irish will need to be focused as well in order to overcome Villanova's biggest strength.

"They're a really, really good serving team," Brown said. "We know we're going to have our hands full."

In fact, the Wildcats average 2.2 aces a set per set and have 138 on the season. The Irish defense averages about one service error per set.

Notre Dame faced Villanova once last year, a 3-2 loss in Philadelphia, but with an undefeated conference record so far, Brown said the team wants to keep rolling.

"We want to win [the conference], we're in a good place right now," Brown said. "But it's so early and we just have to make sure that we're competing at the top of our game every night."

The Irish, who defeated Connecticut and St. John's last weekend, are currently second in the conference behind South Florida, while Villanova sits in 12th despite having the second best overall record.

Villanova is the only team Notre Dame plays this week, an unusual occurrence for a squad that usually plays two or even three teams over a weekend. Nonetheless, Brown said the team's preparation this week was no different.

"A lot of times we just watch film on whoever we're going to play first," she said. "The fact that we only play one, that's what we're going to do." Brown said. "You have to prepare for whoever your next opponent is. Sometimes you're going to have more days to do it than others, but it's pretty much the same."

"The match will be Notre Dame's first Big East contest at home, a distinction not lost on Brown. "I always prefer to play at home." Brown said. "It's a slight advantage, sleeping on our own beds. It can also be more distracting, with the home football game and all kinds of other stuff going on, but I know we would much rather play at home."

The game will begin at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

**Note:**

Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips was named to the Big East Honor Roll Monday for her role in the wins over Connecticut and St. John's. In those two matches she totaled 22 digs, 21 kills and 11 blocks, and was one block shy of a triple-double against Connecticut.

"Phillips is playing really well," Brown said. "She's certainly one of the keys to success and definitely deserving of all those type of awards. An outside hitter who's hitting over 33 percent is pretty darn good."

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Horoscope

FRIDAYS WITH FRAN 2.0

Aries — While some would advise that you not converse under the Law School Arch, do not listen to stupid advice. Verdict: two stars

Taurus — Go ahead; top your Fro Yo with mayonnaise covered onion rings. After all, the world is ending in 2012. Verdict: 1 star

Gemini — You have an unanny ability to distinguish good advice.


Cancer — The stars have aligned in your favor. Feel free to indulge in a guilty pleasure, but stay away from TC. Either way, you may end up on THIN. Verdict: 4 stars.

Leo — Do NOT EAT THE STEAMED BROCCOLI. Verdict: one star.

Virgo — Remember that time when the abortion plane flew around campus? Also, don't drink the jungle juice. Verdict: One star.

BIRTHDAY ALERT!! Libra — Your next year has as many possibilities as the awkward birthday wishes you will receive on Facebook. Always keep your dear friends, your annoying roommate, and the stir fry guy close, because "friendship" is like peeing on yourself; everyone can see it, but only you get the warm feeling that it brings. Verdict: 5 stars and a birthday cupcake.

Scorpio — Your roommate is totes getting' some tonight. Be cool. Loves it. Verdict: WTF is happening in the English language?

Sagittarius — You're a homeschooled jungle freak who's a less hot version of me. Verdict: 3 Toaster Strudels.

Capricorn — Feeling too much pressure? Nervous? Put on a Jay-Z song. Or just party in the USA. Verdict: This definitely isn't a Nashville party. 2 Stars.

Aquarius — Your day will be as predictable as ND watering the sidewalks. Verdict: 2.5 Stars.

Pieces — The chances of Kanye showing up after we trounce Washington on Saturday are very slim. Just sayinn'. Verdict: Taking home the moon man

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Just threw up on the bouncer. FML

Get Me Out of Here.

Crazy townie hitting on me.

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Jumbles

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

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Print answer here:

Jeff Knurek Mike Argirion

That Scrambled Word Game

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

He turned out to be a dreamer because he loved

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: ROUSE ANKLE CIRCUS BUMPER

Answer: What the expensive deer-hunting trip amounted to - A COUPLE OF BUCKS!
MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Alumni and Siegfried look for victories instead of ties

By LEX DENNIS, MATTHEW MORISON, TIM SINGLER, ANDREW OWENS, ALAN JOSEPH and CHRIS KING

Sporr Writer

Alumni and Siegfried are both hungry for a win after two tough ties last Sunday. The Ducks tied Duncan 7-7 in a defensive struggle last weekend.

"A few costly mistakes kept us from the win on Sunday," junior captain Pat Rushford said. "Stupid penalties and the interception returned for a touchdown I threw were key mistakes that need to be corrected."

Siegfried is hungry to defend their championship, and the consistently good team is a point of concern for Rushford.

"Siegfried has been good since my freshman year," Rushford said. "But if we eliminate our mistakes and play sound football we should have a great shot."

The Bammers are looking for their first win after their championship season last year. They fought Knot to a 7-7 tie last weekend.

"We got off to a slow start and that hurts us," Siegfried freshman Sean Hannon said. "Our defense really shined, allowing only seven points even though they were on the field for most of the game."

The offense was a weakness for Siegfried, Hannon said.

"We punted four times and turned the ball over once against Knot," Hannon said. "We need to be better to pull out the win."

Siegfried will try to reassert its dominance on the football field as Alumni hopes to establish itself with a .500 record Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Duncan vs. Morrissey

Sunday's matchup between Duncan Hall (0-1-1) and Morrissey Manor (1-0) promises to be an epic clash of young squads.

"The first two games fell short of my expectations," senior line­backer Paul Scheel said. "But the season is not over yet and we have more games to play.

On the other side of the ball, the Monarchs claimed their first victory in fine fashion, blanking Alumni Hall 22-0. They will look to build upon this strong opening performance to keep their undefeated season alive.

"Our first game met our expectations," senior line­backer Phil Yuhas said. "We played hard, kept our intensity up all game, and came away with a victory just like we thought we would."

Duncan Hall has a rather young team, consisting mostly of freshman and sophomores, which could pose problems. Morrissey, on the other hand, has a good balance of upper and underclassmen, which...

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish host top teams at ND Invite

By MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writer

The Irish will host the 54th annual Notre Dame Invitational today, facing the toughest competition either of the undefeated Irish teams have seen this season.

"Our meets get progressively more competitive, and this one is very difficult," Irish men's coach Joe Pines said. "It is better than any race we've going to be in until the pre-national meet."

As one of the oldest and comparatively more prestigious meets in the nation, many ranked teams and previous champions will be vying for top spots at the Burke Golf Course on campus.

"I believe that Notre Dame Invitational will be the most competitive early season meet in the..."
New offensive line coach Frank Verducci and his veteran players have created a powerful run game.
A blowout win? Wouldn’t bet on it

The fall break destination of choice this year seems to be Las Vegas — a place where anyone, but especially vacation-seeking college students, is prone to bad decisions. It’s the Sin City, and I’m not worried that any of our classmates will steal a police squad car. I don’t think any Notre Dame students will have a run in with Mike Tyson. And I doubt anyone will wake up on the roof of Caesars Palace after, as "The Hangover" taught us, Julius Caesar didn’t actually live.

No, I don’t expect to hear about any antics quite that outrageous. But that doesn’t eliminate my concern that some overzealous Irish fans will follow their hearts, not their heads, and place a bet that they could survive an upset of The Observer.

It’s not that Notre Dame is in no way a team. It’s not even that Notre Dame isn’t as good a team as everyone — or at least the fans and odds-makers — seem to think. It’s just that this group always lack of a killer instinct — how do you change it?

That’s to say Notre Dame won’t try, and of course it should. But unless the Irish somehow figure out a way to stop the run without surrendering the pass, find the key to start the offensive ignition coming out of half-time and discover a new attitude that motivates the team to thrash opponents mercilessly, there will be plenty more contexts that will come down to one play late in the game.

If Notre Dame were to ever come out and throttle an opponent the public expects it to handle with relative ease, I guess it could be Saturday, when the Irish will be favored by two touchdowns. The Huskies aren’t bad but aren’t quite there yet. Perhaps the logic sounds backward, but the fact that Washington is — or at least seems to be — a better team than either Michigan State or Purdue, I think Notre Dame has a better chance for a convincing win this weekend than in either of the past two.

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The Irish are also after 6-foot-2, 220-pound Hayes Pullard. The Los Angeles product could play either running back or fullback, but Notre Dame seems most interested in Pullard as a linebacker at the next level.

"There really aren’t many slots left at linebacker or running back, but the fact they’re still bringing him in shows how much they really like the player," Frank said. "I’m not sure they really need another linebacker, but when you get a chance to get a player of this caliber, you really bend over backwards to try to get him."

Frank said the biggest question mark surrounding California prospects is usually how the specific players will fit in with the Irish team. He doesn’t foresee any issues with Pullard.

"I think he’s the type of kid that would fit in really well here personally-wise, and they like him a great deal," Frank said.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Top prospects set to visit campus

By MATT GAMBER

Two big-time California prospects will visit Notre Dame for Saturday’s game against Washington, and while the Irish would love to have both Anthony Barr and Hayes Pullard, they aren’t sure where. Both Barr and Pullard are listed as "athletes" in recruiting databases, and each is capable of playing at least three positions at the college level, said Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated site irishsportsdaily.com.

"Anthony’s one of the very top players in the country, and he can play a number of positions," Frank said, including running back, linebacker and defensive end. "Notre Dame likes him for defense but I think he also might get a shot to look at tons of other positions."

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By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis likes to run the ball.

"Regardless of whether you start off throwing or start off running, when you run the ball effectively, makes it easier for everything else you are doing," he said.

So does offensive line coach Frank Verducci.

"To see (the offensive linemen) do that is a great source of pride for me to see how hard they play," he said.

So do the linemen.

"The line loves to run block," senior guard Chris Stewart said. "Just pushing guys back, or walking down the field on someone, there's nothing like it."

So do the running backs (well, duh).

"When you get an offensive lineman coming back to the huddle with a big smile on his face, it's like, let's run it again," junior running back Armando Allen said. "It only gives you confidence."

They all like to run. But for different reasons.

Charlie Weis likes... accountability.

Weis feels that taking care of some aspects of game planning, which helps when the offensive gameday plan is as complex as it has been in the past two weeks.

"All I ask is that he plays with respect with what he does. He's got to buy into it, which they did, and the results increased confidence in the scheme."

"Once they become successful at it, it becomes a lot easier," said Verducci.

Weis led the benefit of a clean slate. He didn't have the interaction with the program on a day-to-day basis before arriving at Notre Dame. To him, every player was capable of performing to his expectations.

"This is all I know," he said.

"There's a way to play the game, there's a standard that's put on it, that's how we're gonna play. And the credit goes to the guys because they've accepted it, they've bought into it."

Verducci said he sees week-to-week improvement in the linemen.

"But some aspects of the game can be solid one week and don't exist the next. As long as his players put in the effort, he said he can iron out technical inconsistencies.

"That's one of the biggest challenges as a coach," he said. "It's not ever gonna be perfect, you have to try and be perfect." Senior tackle Sam Young said, "I think that kind of really points out what we're trying to do."

The skill-related parts of playing on the line outweigh physical strength by leaps and bounds. Verducci said tackle Joe Thomas of the Browns wasn't an overly strong guy, but his balance and functional strength made him an all-pro left tackle.

"I'm always amused when they throw all these bench press numbers up there," Verducci said. "Even when I was in the NFL, we'd go to the combine and there'd be these guys that, all of a sudden, would be a shock because they'd be first-round picks but they'd get in there and bench press 225 19 times and everyone would be like, 'Oh my God, he's a weakling.'"

"But they had such functional strength and such technique that they'd be good ballplayers."

So how do you drill those technical skills into the players? Do it the way it's been this time. Do it the way it's been the way all five of them play," Verducci said. "They like routine. They like to jump through the same hoops every day," Verducci said. "So don't move the hoop."

Offensive linemen like... doing the splits.

The transition of the offensive line started during spring ball, but it can pinpoint how or why, but they know that at some point they clicked.

"When the play starts clicking, you don't really know if, all of a sudden it's just there, senior tackle Patrick Quinn said.

They weren't the only ones who noticed. Allen said he noticed a different offensive line this spring than the one he had run behind the past two years.

"Verducci worked hard in the weight room, whether it was running or lifting weights," Allen said. "When spring came around they kind of became a cohesive group."

They said the success came because of a combination of hard work, Verducci's influence and players redefining themselves to the program.

"That work in the spring carried over into individual summer workouts, where the linemen took it upon themselves to maintain what they had gained. They took home film, both of themselves in spring ball and of Nevada, to prepare for the season."

"The difference is the mindset," Stewart said. "I understand what needs to be done for certain things to happen. So for us to be a better team, maybe I need to run extra on my off day or get back to school earlier and train with the training staff."

The mental difference, Stewart said, translated to physical gains.

"You have a mental realization to know that I have to go above and beyond what I've done in the past," he said.

So now, in season, the line and the running game are reaping the rewards of that work.

"You can just see it coming, taking that next step," Duncan said. "That's where we're right now, taking that next step, because it's rolling for us."

And for Duncan, Stewart, Young and center Eric Olsen, all seniors, they've been around long enough to understand what it's like when the line works in sync. Stewart said he feels like the line works like the senior line did when he as a freshman.

And adversity, he said, bred strength.

"We've driven the ball 60 yards late in the game," he said. "God forbid, the next time it has to happen, we've been there before. It can be done."

The linemen are simpatico of the field too. Stewart grabbed a TV reporter's microphone to ask Young a couple of questions of his own regarding what goes on in the locker room.

"It's really nice, young deadpans. 'There's TVS, you know, there's... chairs, clothes... if there's a fun fact it's that' — he pointed a Stewart — "can do a split."

That was it for Stewart, who backed away and returned the microphone. "Cut."

Armando Allen likes... steak and potatoes.

The beneficiary of all this is Allen, who has broken out this season as a much more powerful, full—run than in the past. But it's not all due to the linemen.

"I changed a lot of things; I think I prepared myself mentally a lot more than I did freshman and sophomore year," he said.

Allen lifted and ate healthily to put on 10 pounds of muscle. He goes to meat.

"Strictly steak and potatoes," he said. "That was my specialty. Just two big steaks and two potatoes. I like it plain."

But it's not just him and the O-line. The athletes involved in the passing game, Allen said, keep the defense on its backs so the backs can rack up yardage.

"The great quarterbacks and receivers that we have allows us to run the ball because some people re paying attention to the pass more than they pay attention to the run," he said.

Like any smart running back though, Allen gave it up for the hockees up front, the reason behind this transformation, the beneficiary of Verducci's coaching, their own hard work and Weis, Jimmy Clausen and the receivers creating such a passing threat.

"They really felt like they had something to prove. Not to anybody, but to the people on this team," he said. "When you have a group of guys that goes there and works so hard and see them go out there and produce on Saturday, it's an amazing feeling."
Irish Offense vs. Huskies Defense

The Irish passed for a season low 216 yards against Purdue, but with Jimmy Clausen apparently healthier this week the Huskies should be in trouble. While no receiver stepped up in the first full game since Michael Floyd’s injury, tight end Kyle Rudolph had a big game with the winning touchdown in the final seconds. Either Duval Kamara (who struggled against the Boilermakers), Shaquelle Evans or Bobby Parris needs to give Clausen a another consistent target.

The Washington secondary has given up just 183 yards per game through the air, but that number might be misleading as teams have primarily been running all over the Husky defense.

The Irish offense has been run all over this season, giving up more than 190 yards per game. Stanford’s Toby Gerhart ran for 200 yards last week on 27 carries in the Cardinals 34-14 win, and the Husky defense allowed 321 yards on the ground. Armando Allen was sidelined for the entire game against Purdue, but according to the coaching staff, he has recovered quickly and should be back Saturday.

Even without Allen, the Irish had success running the ball against the Boilermakers, with running backs Jonas Gray and Robert Hughes amassing 170 total yards. Tate also had 57 yards rushing on just nine carries and should get a few carries again a Washington defense that is 106th in the nation in stopping the run.

While the linebacking corps is the Huskies strength on defense, the defensive line has been pushed back against the run. Like the Irish, Washington also has struggled tackling at times.

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I’m terrified of Jake Locker. I’m terrified of Steve Sarkisian. I’m terrified of what Notre Dame’s defense might do in the face of these challenges. But then, I was terrified of Colin Kaepernick. I was terrified of the pass. Notre Dame’s defense did just fine against them. Good news: Charlie Weis said he’ll play Maust. To me, but he won’t say how. Will he win in the field the defense will make more plays. Since the offense will have Jimmy Clausen and Armando Allen active, the Washington defense will have trouble. The offensive line will take care of business yet again and allow Allen and the other backs to run all day. The Wildcat will come again on the proof. The Irish have their hands full — this is a team that beat UK, until now — but they win.

Final Score: Notre Dame 31, Washington 24

Notre Dame will not win this game without Armando Allen and Jimmy Clausen playing significant time, but from all updates on their injuries, they should be alright. Jake Locker should be very successful both running and passing against an Irish defense that has been shredded by far worse quarterbacks. Expect to see Golden Tate moved all over the field again, and an offensive gameplan that tries to give Clausen and his trio breaks. The defense showed more variety in its blitzing against Purdue, and will have to confine Locker to have any chance. Nick Tausch comes through at the end for Notre Dame, but again it will come down to the final seconds.

Final Score: Notre Dame 31, Washington 28
Jake Locker could easily be the best quarterback the Irish defense will face all year, and has shined under new coach Steve Sarkisian, who coached Heisman-winning quarterback Mark Sanchez on the Trojans. Locker has the ability to make plays with his arm or his feet, although he has become a more complete passer in his third season.

The Notre Dame pass defense will have to deal with a potent receiving corps, likely with more consistency, this year under new coordinator Jon Tenuta. The Irish secondary has struggled against a below-average passer in Brown mixed blitzes and pressure. If the playcalling continues to improve, Locker may be forced into some mistakes trying to read the defense.

Steve Sarkisian is an excellent quarter­backs coach though, and has dramatically improved the Husky offense in just a few games.

Notre Dame's running defense has been its best game of the season against Purdue following a solid showing against the Spartans. The front four was able to get more penetration into gaps in the run game and disrupt Boilermaker runs with a below-average passer in Joey Elliott. While the secondary has had to assist the front seven in the run game, the unit has still been soft in coverage on passing downs.

Darrin Walls had a nice interception against the Boilermakers, but it will take a more aggressive effort by the pass defense to contain Locker and tighten up coverage.

The Irish coverage was better in kickoff returns at Purdue, but had some bad moments on punt returns with penalties and mental lapses. Washington's return game has been solid but not spectacular, averaging 21 yards per kickoff return. Kicker Eric Folk has made six of seven attempts this season, including a long of 46 yards. Punter Will Mahan has averaged 42.7 yards per punt and downed six kicks inside opponents' 20-yard lines.

If you think I'm going to pick a blowout Irish victory, you clearly didn't read my column. The Irish opened the week as 13-point favorites, but I'm having a hard time seeing them covering that spread. I don't think it'll take a last-second drive a la Purdue, but Notre Dame will once again need to show poise in the fourth quarter to leave the field with a win. The offense will again produce, likely with more consistency, as its regular starters (except Michael Floyd) resume full action. The defense will give up some big plays to Jake Locker, but they'll do enough to let the offense win it for the Irish.

Final Score: Notre Dame 31, Washington 27

After the last two weeks, it would just be silly to say that Notre Dame is going to win this game easily. In fact, I toyed with the idea of picking the Huskies. As impressive as their win against USC was, though, I think the Irish still manage to eke this one out. Stopping Jake Locker is a terrifying prospect for Irish fans, but the defense showed me just enough last Saturday to make me think they can at least contain him. Another week for Jimmy Clausen to rest his injured toe and a healthy Armands Allen also spell good news for the Irish, although I wouldn't be surprised to see Dwyer make a few snags. I also think the receiving corps as a whole bounces back from a sub-par game. The Irish win, but, once again, it'll be a nail-biter.

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Healthy Locker leads Washington's return to prominence

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

When the Irish visited Husky Stadium last year, the hapless Washington offense barely avoided being shut out and didn't enter Notre Dame territory until there was 5:50 to go in the game.

A year later, that seems like an entirely different team. With a new, offensively-minded coach in Steve Sarkisian and the return of healthy junior quarterback Jake Locker, the Huskies offense is dangerous again for the first time in years.

"Coach Sarkisian and defensive coordinator Nick Holt came up from USC and really have changed the mentality of Washington in a hurry," coach Charlie Weis said. "I think part of the turnaround obviously is Jake coming back."

Just a week after ending a 13-game losing streak that stretched over parts of three seasons, Sarkisian and Locker led the Huskies to a 13-10 win over No. 3 USC. Trojans coach Pete Carroll had high praise for Locker and his former quarterback backs coach and offensive coordinator Sarkisian after the game.

"I think the difference in this game was Jake. I thought he was able to come up and make the plays when they really needed it in the last drive," Carroll said. "That's a great player. He didn't surprise me a bit. I thought we kept him under wraps for a while but when he had to have it he made it. That's what a great player does."

Locker emerged as a star in 2007 after redshirting his freshman season, and was named the Pac-10 freshman of the year. The Washington native led his hometown school to a huge win over No. 20 Boise State and became only the 19th player in NCAA history to pass for more than 300 and rush for more than 100 yards in a game in a loss to Arizona.

Locker rushed for 983 yards on the season and tallied 27 total touchdowns.

Expectations were high for Locker entering his sophomore campaign in 2008, and for four games Locker struggled to lead the Washington offense behind a porous offensive line.

In the fourth game of the season Locker then broke his thumb against Stanford and missed the rest of the season.

In four games under Sarkisian's tutelage this season Locker has shined as a passer, throwing for 1,002 yards and six touchdowns. While his rushing numbers are down, Locker is running a pro-style offense and has become a much more accurate passer.

"In the last system, he was a read type of guy with that spread," Weis said. "But you can see that he's settled in nicely into the old USC system that they have right now. And I think he's really blossomed.


Since bringing his system north, Sarkisian has already made vast improvements to a Huskies team that finished 0-12 without Locker last year, and started recruiting talent that was lacking under Willingham, who was head coach for Notre Dame from 2002-04.

Weis was careful to take note that Sarkisian has not simply taken the USC system to Washington.

"I think Steve is a very, very good coach, and I think he is going to have his own personality," Weis said. "He is not going there to be a USC North. The things they did, you know, he is running their offense and Nick [Holt] is running the defense that they had great success with so why would you change that?"

"You apply it to the players you currently have, and they'll definitely be able to perform at the same level."

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Weis says Te'o to play more vs. Huskies

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While it’s always exciting to see what freshman will make an impact every fall, there was one first year player this year that received more attention than any freshman since Jimmy Clausen himself.

Tuesday, Irish coach Charlie Weis said in a press conference that freshman linebacker Manti Te’o would see more time on the field against Washington than he had in any of the first four games.

“I think you’re going start seeing him a whole bunch more here this week,” Weis said. In the first game against Nevada, Te’o made his presence felt with a pair of tackles as well as a few other vicious hits.

In the next three games, though, Te’o received little playing time, notching only four tackles. One of those tackles, though, was a game-clinching sack against Purdue Saturday.

After the close win over the Boilermakers, Weis talked about possibly changing his strategy regarding the super-fresh.

“Yes, I think one thing we need to do both in practice and in games is just play him more,” Weis said. “The only thing, when you have a young linebacker you’ll go through some growing pains, but I think that you’ll see him just playing more. We talked about that today. I think as the year goes on, you’ll see his playing time just increase more and more.”

Weis has said one of the things preventing Te’o from seeing the playing field is the steep learning curve for linebackers coming into the college game.

“We knew coming in the door that Manti was going to be one of the more athletic guys that we brought on to this team with his size and speed,” Weis said. “And I think that as he’s gone through this learning process, I think he’s getting close to really getting the trust of the defensive coaches to able to put him on the field more.”

Another roadblock to increasing Te’o’s playing time has been positional logistics. The current starting lineup has Toryan Smith starting at middle linebacker with Brian Smith at weakside linebacker. When Te’o comes in, he plays weakside with Brian Smith moving over to middle.

But, according to Weis, he’s found a way around it.

“He’ll play more this week, that’s all I’ll tell you,” Weis said. “I’m not going to go over the game plan to tell you how we’re going play him more, but he’ll play more.”

No matter how he gets on the field, though, Weis says the future is bright for the young Hawaiian.

“I have high expectations for Manti,” Weis said. “I think you will see Manti playing his best ball in October and November.”

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Freshman linebacker Manti Te’o celebrates with teammates after making a play in the season opening 35-0 victory over Nevada. Te’o had two tackles against the Wolf Pack.
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