AllianceND hopes to gain club status

Group applies for official recognition for 11th time; members expect decision in April

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

For the 11th time in the past 13 years, AllianceND, the unofficial gay-straight alliance at Notre Dame, is applying for official club status.

The members submitted the application earlier this week and expect to hear if the group will be granted official status in April.

“I think even just in the time that I’ve been here here this is an issue that has come to the forefront,” senior and AllianceND officer Jessica Mahon said. “We’re really hopeful.”

Despite the University’s refusal to grant AllianceND official club status in the past, co-chair Emily Salvaterra said recent events, such as the softening of the administration’s stance on adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause when it was presented to University President Fr. John Jenkins last March, have given many of the group’s organizers hope for this year.

“The response that the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) got to adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause when it was presented to Fr. John Jenkins ... was more than we’ve ever actually heard before,” she said. “It’s just another little thing.”

Senior Patrick Roos, who has been involved with AllianceND for the past four years, said he also noticed a shift since his freshman year in students’ attitudes towards the GLBTQ community at Notre Dame.

“It’s mostly been the student body that I’ve been seeing making the change. And I think the University needs to change with the student body,” he said. “Just looking around the residence halls, I see a lot more.”

Conflicts in developing world examined

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies hosts panel to discuss peacebuilding tactics

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Addressing the fundamental causes of conflict in the developing world was the topic of discussion Thursday at a panel forum hosted by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Professor Cecilia Lynch of the University of California-Irvine and Professors Jackie Smith of Sociology and Ernesto Verdeja of Political Science met in McKenna Hall to present a panel entitled “Globalization, Social Movements and Peacebuilding.”

“What are the causes of violence, the sources of peace?” Smith asked to start the discussion.

Smith cited a study that suggests nearly half of all post-war societies see a return of violence within 15 years. The problem, according to Smith, is that the causes of structural violence persist.

Smith said she believes one of the major problems with efforts thus far to work against conflict in the third world is in how scholars approach the issue of global violence.

“Much of the work in political science treats violence as based in national problems,” she said. “But social conflicts are imbedded in a larger system of power relations.”

Smith said failures to effectively relieve these

Improvised play looks at issues of consent, rape

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

When the lines between coercion and consent are blurred, where are men and women supposed to draw the line? This question was addressed by a performance entitled “Sex Signals,” which took place last night in the Jordan Auditorium at Mendoza College of Business.

“Sex Signals” is an interactive play created by Notre Dame alumna Christian Murphy that is about dating, consent, sexual assault and rape. The Gender Relations Center, Student Government’s Gender Issues Committee, Men Against Violence and the Feminist Voice sponsored the production.

“Christian Murphy created this play as a way to reach out to students who confuse coercion with consent,” senior Patrick Tighe, co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee said.

“This production directly confronts the notion of pressuring and the subsequent giving in to sexual advances that many students experience.”

Senior Tim Latham, president of the Men Against Violence club, said that the production is especially pertinent to college students and faculty is reviewing the performance of Provost Thomas Burish, who serves as the University’s highest-ranking academic officer.

The performance review is part of a process mandated by the bylaws of the University, according to committee chair Neil Delaney, who is also the director of the Arts and Letters Honors Program and a professor of philosophy.

“All academic officers have to be reviewed every five years,” Delaney said. “Our job is to try to get an overall sense of the University’s development under the provost’s direction,” he said.

Burish will be judged according to the job description University President Fr. John Jenkins has outlined. This description includes enhancing the University’s standing as a research university, upholding the Catholic character of the University and maintaining high standards in undergraduate education.

The performance review committee plans to interview the

Dance Marathon raises money

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Fundraising efforts are underway for Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon as students work to put on the College’s annual event to benefit the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

The event will take place in March, enhancing the University’s standing as a research university, upholding the Catholic character of the University and maintaining high standards in undergraduate education.

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Creative Halloween

Witches and monsters and ghosts! Oh my!

Unlike my fellow inside columnist earlier this week, Halloween has always been one of my favorite holidays. No other holiday encourages dressing up in costume to such a degree. Now, don’t get me wrong. I enjoy free candy and the occasional scare, but having the opportunity to be anything you want to be for one night, since we have reached an age at which Trick-or-Treating is no longer thought acceptable, Halloween on college campuses revolves around parties and events like Hip Hop Night at Legends. The only thing that sets this weekend apart from the average weekend is the decorations and per centage of students dressed in costume.

Halloween allows one to emulate the person or thing of their choice at least in appearance, without reprisal. The chosen costumes correlate with the wearers ages. Stewy Samsen, freshman, was trick-or-treating Thursday night, I was visited by soldiers, superheroes, vampires, and various Disney characters alike. The younger the children, the more innocent were their costumes — as they should be.

That being said, I don’t think that I will encounter the same innocence, which I met Thursday, this weekend both on and off the campuses.

The probability of female students wearing outfits that resemble what can only be described as Victoria’s Secret versions of classic costumes is greater than those who will choose to be less revealing. I’m not trying to pass judgment on my fellow women, but I must admit I am rather disappointed with the costumes choices I saw last year. I am not disappointed in the lack of coverage, rather the lack of creativity. The naughty nurses and French maids may turn the eye of the guy you are with, but I have a suggestion. Why not dazzle him with your imagination or wit instead of relying on your cleavage.

Homemade costumes never fail. Whether it’s a two-year old sheriff with a drawn on mustache or the “Ash” costume my mom made for my younger brother during the Pokemon phenomena, these costumes have the something that separates them from the other costumes — creativity.

One idea is a personalized superhero. Wearing your own superhero attire is sure to grab someone’s attention. Don’t forget to add sidekicks or super powers is a nice ice-breaker.

The Internet is a good source for ideas if you find out that designing your own costume is easier said than done.

I propose that we bring the imagination and creativity back to the holiday. Let’s make Halloween not just an excuse to bear skin this year.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a copy-editing error, a quote in the article “SMC students work with homeless” in the Oct. 29 edition of The Observer was attributed incorrectly to Mary McDougall. Cassie McDonagh should have been attributed. The Observer regrets this error.

Megan Loney News Wire Editor

Question of the Day: If you could marry any fictional character, who would it be?

Blanca Leonardo
sophomore
Le Mans

"Tarzan because he is the king of the jungle and wears a loincloth."

Eric Bernhold
junior
Sigfried

"Pooch Bear because it is legal now, he is the coolest fictional character ever and likes to party."

Carolyn Sever
junior
Ryan

"Billy Madison because he is really ‘mature.’"

Lauren Enayati
sophomore
Le Mans

"Edward Cullen because he is sexy."

Catherine Moore
sophomore
Le Mans

"Prince Eric from ‘The Little Mermaid’ because he has black hair and blue eyes."

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

IN BRIEF

Architect Robert Davis will deliver a lecture, “Smart Growth Development: The Pursuit of Traditional Towns,” today at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. Davis is the developer and co-founder of Seaside, Fla., the first and most influential new urban community in the United States. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Yamato, a drum performance group that plays traditional Japanese Wadaiko drums, will give a concert in the Leighton Concert Hall of the Delbertato Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 p.m. To purchase tickets visit the performing arts Web site or call the ticket office at 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame hockey team will play Ohio State tonight at 7:35 p.m. and tomorrow at 5:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center Ice Rink. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday at 2 a.m. Adjust your clocks back one hour.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Rutgers at 1 p.m. Sunday, tentatively in the new Joyce Center. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team will play the first game in the new Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center Sunday at 7 p.m. against Lewis. It is an exhibition game. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

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Offbeat

Teens cited for rap at McDonald’s

A rap by four teenagers at a McDonald’s has gotten them in trouble.

Keenan resident Chris Anderson goofed off Keenan resident Chris Anderson goofed off taking a picture with his cell phone of a man who was dangerously wielding a ferret at McDonald’s. He and his friends thought the man was making a joke and decided to record the event on YouTube.

The teens said they were charged with theft over the incident and are scheduled to appear in court today.

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Saint Mary's hosts annual pumpkin carving contest

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Many events have been occurring across Saint Mary’s campus to get students in the Halloween spirit. Saint Mary’s Activities Board (SAB) held a pumpkin carving contest in the Haggar Parlor room Thursday night. SAB has been holding this event every year, according to Entertainment Committee co-chair Katie Sperry. This event is popular every year, Sperry said. “There was a good turnout this year for the carving,” Sperry said. “Our signup for teams filled up very quickly that we even had to turn a team away.”

“Scariest, Funniest and judged for creativity,” Sperry said. “There was a group that made one that looked like Katy Perry and there were multiple that went with the SMC Spirit category.” One winning design was a female pirate that said “we arrry SMC.” A few carved Lady Gaga and other pop culture phenomena. “There were some real artists working this year including a wolf howling at the moon,” Katie Sperry SAB Entertainment Committee co-chair.

“Sperry said. “That won in the scariest category.” The event also offered food. Saint Mary’s junior Jessica Doherty has participated in the event since she was a freshman. “My friends and I look forward to this every year and we always try to think of creative designs,” Doherty said. “We never win but always have fun.”

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Fundraiser completes 9th year

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

Today marks the end of the ninth annual breast cancer awareness fundraiser, “Race to Raise the Most,” which is sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters during the month of October. “Over the past eight years we’ve made over $52,000 and it’s really a community outreach,” Mo Marnocha, office manager of the Arts and Letters Dean’s Office, said. “This was the biggest year ever.” United Health Services uses the money raised to fund mammograms for people in St. Joseph County who cannot afford them, Marnocha said. “We know that our money stays right in the community,” she said. “We know it’s done nationally, but we wanted to keep the funds here locally.”

Marnocha said she had the idea to begin a fundraiser in 2000 when she saw an advertisement in a magazine that promoted breast cancer awareness month and thought that a fundraiser would unite the staff of the college.

The first year, the College hosted a day when the staff could wear jeans to work if they donated five dollars to breast cancer awareness. “It’s a win for the community, and a win for the staff,” Marnocha said.

“Races to Raise the Most” comes to an official close at the end of October, and there are many events that will continue to grow. Contact Laura McCrystal at lmccrystal@nd.edu

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SUNDAY @ 7PM

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FREE COMMEMORATIVE GLASSES & FOAM HATS!!

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VS. RUTGERS
SUNDAY @ 1PM

FREE ALUMNI STADIUM
Design students develop new local currency

Michiana community money could benefit area economy and combat negative effects of globalization

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

A new form of currency is coming to the Michiana Area, and Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are contributing to the design of the community money, which intends to place values in local goods and services while revitalizing the downtown areas in South Bend and the surrounding towns.

"Residents of the South Bend area are working to enrich community life in our region by developing a "community currency" to serve this region," according to the Michiana Community Currency Website. "Community currencies can be used to redistribute wealth among our cities, giving our cities more control over our economic prosperity and the quality of life in our communities."

Students in Professor Crispin Prebys' Graphic Design III class were asked to submit designs for a local currency that could be used in circulation, taking into account counterfeit measures, size and weight while representing the Michiana community.

"We all wanted to produce a simplistic yet beautiful set of bills that would look real and promote the local economy," said Saint Mary's senior Theresa Toneyan. "We were really inspired by the community, the people, agriculture and local history."

Professor Jackie Smith of the Krue Institute for Peace Studies heads up the Michiana Community Currency organization and worked with the students to create a viable currency for the area with the intention of rebuilding the local economy.

"What this program can do is put money into our local economy and keep it in our local economy," Smith said. The idea for a community currency in the Michiana area originated after a lecture Smith gave about the effects of globalization on communities and the solutions cities similar to South Bend have come up with to combat local economic problems.

"The community currency creates a multiplier effect," Smith said. "For every U.S. dollar spent in the community, just 15 cents gets reinvested in the community. With money spent at locally-owned businesses, more than half of that value comes back to the community. With community currency, all of that money has to be reinvested in the community."

"I'm excited to be working on this project," said Jackie Smith, sociology professor. "Not only will it help to rebuild the economy, but it will also promote community solidarity." Smith said. "For every U.S. dollar spent at a chain store, just 15 cents gets reinvested in the community. With money spent at locally-owned businesses, more than half of that value comes back to the community. With community currency, all of that money has to be reinvested in the community."

"A few months ago, a handful of classmates and I attended a meeting with Professor Smith," Nguyen said. "We discussed the idea of a local currency, gathered information about existing sets and spoke about what could make this currency unique."

The Michiana Community Currency is modeled after a successful local currency in Ithaca, New York, called Ithaca Hours, which encourages residents to shop at community-based, owner-operated businesses that keep the money in the community.

"I researched currencies found around the world and decided to focus on two in particular, the Ithaca Hours, arguably the most famous and longest lasting local currency in America, and the U.S. Dollar, to learn some of their strengths and weaknesses," Nguyen said.

"When creating an original currency, the graphic design students had to deal with choosing an appropriate, usable size for the bills, design counterfeit-proof elements to give the bills authority in the local market and craft a unique model that is representative of the community."

"To design a bill that has authority and is difficult to counterfeit is quite a task," Nguyen explained. "My bills reflect a combination of modern and traditional elements - the former to make it visually pleasing and the latter to lend some authority."

"The students utilized bar codes and other security features, as well as intricate designs to prevent counterfeiters," said Smith. "We worked a lot with blending colors, adding intricate lines, hidden details and a barcode and serial number."

In addition, each student incorporated distinctive characterizations using pictures, words and symbols in their submissions to embody the nature and spirit of the Michiana area. "A friend and I brainstormed for a long while and decided that "trust, unity and build" would be the three main purposes and results of the MAC," Nguyen said. "These three words are displayed prominently on both sides of the bill."

Nguyen also created a symbol of the MAC as a lowercase "m" with a line over it, intended to be used like the USD symbol "$".

The Michiana Community Currency committee and community members have reviewed the student submissions and will vote to choose the MAC design. "A small group of volunteers met with the students and reviewed the designs, and they were very excited by them," Smith said. "All of them were very professionally done and made it look like a serious project. They did a good job of capturing local flavor and making designs that look professional."

The student submissions will be reviewed again on Nov. 4. "The design we pick will help celebrate and support what we think are the best aspects of our region," according to the Michiana Community Currency organization.

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Irish historical society to honor University President

Associated Press

Mr. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, will receive the 2009 Gold Medal award from the American Irish Historical Society (AIHS) at its 112th annual banquet at 5 p.m. at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Previous recipients of the AIHS Gold Medal, which recognizes a special or unique contribution to American Irish life, include President Ronald Reagan, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, actor Liam Neeson, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York and Donald Keough, chairman of the board of Allen & Company, former president and chief operating officer of the Coca-Cola Co. and chairman emeritus of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

Father Jenkins became Notre Dame's 17th president in 2005, after previously serving as vice president and associate provost. He has articulated a vision for the University that focuses on it becoming a pre-eminent research institution while maintaining its distinctive Catholic character and long-time excellence in undergraduate education.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gay marriage debated in Argentina

Is Argentina ready to become Latin America's first nation to legalize gay marriage?

Gay and lesbian activists think so — and they have a growing number of supporters in Congress, which opened debate Thursday on whether to change dozens of laws that define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

"We can't expect social equality if the state is legitimizing inequality," said Maria Rachid, a presidential candidate of the Argentine Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Federation. "The time has now come for social and political context necessary to change the law."

Czech Republic seeks agreement

"European Union's stalled reform treaty overcame a crucial hurdle Thursday after EU leaders agreed to last-minute demands from the Czech Republic in return for the country's ratification of the ambitious deal."

The treaty would streamline decision-making in a 27-member bloc at the top and set a new role on the world stage. It would also create the post of a fixed EU president, a job leading European figures are already jockeying for behind the scenes. European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said the eight years of drafting and negotiating the treaty "reminds me of a marathon, but a marathon with tur- dyes."

"Tonight we have removed the last political hurdle," he said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Race hot topic in Atlanta election

Georgia's last remaining band ball具 giant rubber band ball built in Fla.

"It's Joel Waul's rubber band ball."

Waul has spent years carefully wrapping and linking and stretching rubber bands of various sizes into the ball shape. The Georgia-based Waul said he declared it the world's largest rubber band ball in 2008.

On Thursday, Waul said goodbye to his creation. A team from Ripley's Believe it or Not! came to Waul's home with a crane and hauled the 6-foot, 7-inch, 4,032-pound behemoth away on a large, flatbed truck.

"It's a little bit sad to see it go, but it's going to take up a lot of space by the time hundreds and hundreds of millions of people in Ripley's museum to see and wonder. What was this guy thinking?" Waul said.

The ball will eventually be displayed in a far-off museum yet to be determined, so folks can marvel at Waul's obsession.

LOCAL NEWS

Coach rejects IU Hall of Fame

Bob Knight just keeps telling Indiana no.

"Bob Knight just keeps telling Indiana no."

On Tuesday, Knight said he would not accept the money came from alumni donors.

Coach $75,000 offer

attending the school's Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The coach has now come under fire after a prosecutor said he couldn't file charges against a man accused of forcing his 8- and 9-year-old daughters to watch hardcore online pornography.

Randall County District Attorney James Farren filed a motion to dismiss the case, which has prompted at least one lawmaker to vow to change the state's public indecency law.

"Our hands are tied. It's not our fault, I have to follow the law," Farron said Thursday. "The mother of the victims in this case was less than happy with this decision, which I understand. We were less than happy with the decision as well." The law apparently was meant to protect the privacy of parents who wanted to teach children about sex education, but it states clearly that parents can't be prosecuted for showing "harmful material" to their children.

Farron said police reported the incident to his office after one of the girls told a counselor in June that her father made them watch adults having group sex and various other acts at his home in Amarillo. The parents of the girls, and their 7-year-old sister, are divorced and share custody.

The Associated Press typically does not publish the names of parents if it could identify children who might have been abused, but Buckner is seeking publicity about the case. She has printed out copies of the penal code, which the girls hands out to everyone she meets.

BELGIUM

EU debates climate change aid

European leaders disagree on extent of assistance to be given to developing nations

Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt participates in a media conversation at an EU summit in Brussels on Thursday.

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union fought to live up to its self-proclaimed leadership on combating clima- te change, with the 27 EU leaders at odds over how much to offer poorer nations to join the global battle.

EU nations failed to agree on a figure for climate change funding for developing countries during a first set of talks on Thursday, Swedish Prime Mini- ster Fredrik Reinfeldt said, promising to make new efforts to strike a deal on the second day of talks here on Friday.

"On climate, we are not ready yet ... We have not solved it," he told reporters after leading talks.

EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said EU leaders "have to achieve an agreement Friday on offering billions of euros to de- veloping nations that will prove Europe's commitment to tackling climate change ahead of U.N. talks in a new greenhouse gas pact in Copenhagen.

The leaders did agree on a crucial issue for the union's future, digitally signed passports - which the EU has been seeking out the moral high ground, chal- lenging other powers such as the United States and China to match Europe's commitment.

An internal EU squabble over funding could weaken the union globally — and just look bad U.N. officials say a European declaration on finance could go a long way toward breaking the stalemate in the climate talks. Developing countries are holding back firm com- mitments to slow the growth of their carbon dioxide emis- sions until they know how much aid they can expect to adjust to changing climate conditions.

With the U.S. haggling by Congress, which has yet to approve U.S. emissions targets, poorer countries are looking to the EU to set the pace that they expect other industrialized countries to match.

The EU announced last year it would decide by the end of this year how much it would offer poorer nations to join the global battle against climate change, then we will not get an agreement at Copenhagen," where the U.N. climate conference kicks off Dec. 7 aimed at replacing the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, Brown said.

"We are much to offer poorer nations to join the global battle against climate change and for global co- operation, and for years the EU has been seeking out the moral high ground, chal- lenging other powers such as the United States and China to match Europe's commitment.

"The debate goes to the core of the European Union's legislational quagmire. For years, the bloc has wanted to raise its international profile but is always held back by hesitant member states putting nationalistic ahead of the continent.

Pornography law challenged by parents

DALLAS — A 1970s-era Texas law that allows parents to show "harmful material" to their children without coming under fire after a prosecutor said he couldn't file charges against a man accused of forcing his 8- and 9-year-old daughters to watch hardcore online pornography.

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more progressive attitudes towards the issues than fresh-
man and sophomore students.
Bears said he was motivated when many students wrote to him. "I think if we were given club status, it would show the University is trying to make some strides in the progressive movement," he said. "If their application is accepted," Bears said, "it would become an official club, complete with the ability to hold meetings, reserve spaces and fund events. But if the application is denied, the fight is not over yet. We will continue to make the case in the coming years just to make sure we are not overlooked."

While the subject matter may be sensitive, the two professionals joined actors use improvisation, comedy and participation to present the issues in a manner that is more conduc-
tive to the students.

"Comedy is one of the best models out there to inform people about important issues," Heathcote said.

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This event is important because it is very rare to approach guys about issues like rape and consent," Lahm said. "Guys often feel justified when these issues come up.

Lynch said the college has made a point of showing that there is a lot of gray area, she said. "I think the production encouraged students to talk amongst themselves about being active bystanders and stopping these instances when they see them occurring."

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University's current deans and former deans who served during Burish's tenure. The committee will also interview associate provosts and other University officers who interact frequently with Burish.

"We're going to focus on people who would know what he's implementing first hand," Delaney said.
The committee distribuated surveys about Burish's performance to faculty and students. Few of these surveys have been completed, according to Delaney.

"There is never a big outflow of concern," Delaney said. Delaney said few students or faculty have any interaction with the provost. "But we have a general view of how we think things are going," he said. "What we think is that students might have personal opinions on how the University is going academically."
The committee does not expect that the committee would have personal opinions on how Burish, Delaney said.
The performance review is composed of individuals elected from the Academic Council, plus several appointed by Jenkins to balance the committee across the five colleges.

Delaney said the provost committee hopes to complete its review by the end of the year. Burish, the University's fourth provost, has held his position since 2002, when he was elected as the 1972 alumnus of Notre Dame. The Office of the Provost was established in 1970 to oversee the academic functions of the University.

Dr. Nathan Hatch preceded Burish as provost, serving from 1996-2002.

Burish deferred comment on applying in the coming years just in case he doesn't think the audience would be as engaged.

Latham agreed that the comedic backdrop for the production makes it much more accessible for audiences to make connections to their own lives.

"The improvization and techniques the actors use allow the audience to recognize situations that they themselves have been in before and makes it hit a little bit closer to home," he said. "The comedic backdrop marks the return of "Sex Signals" after an absence of a few years. Recently, Notre Dame decided the play was a matter of importance for the entire student body."

"Notre Dame has sexual assault and rape like any other college campus," Tigue said. "It's important to provide the opportunity for a different medium to inform students about these issues."

Russell said she sees the production-provided Notre Dame students with a new outlook on issues such as sexual and sexual assault and gave them the confidence and women a sense of empowerment to talk about these issues in difficult situations.

These issues can be very complex and difficult, and sometimes make a point of showing that there is a lot of gray area," she said. "I think the production encouraged students to talk amongst themselves about being active bystanders and stopping these instances when they see them occurring."

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issues are often based in false assumptions made by many regarding the conse-
quences of conflict. Many assume that integra-
tion into the global economy will lead to growth; the economy will automatically help address the causes of conflict," Lynch said. "These policies of globalization systematically reduce the power of working people in order to attract foreign invest-
ment."

Smith emphasizes the importance of social movements as they can often be the only way people have the opportunity to articulate their needs when they cannot do so through their government.

"Social movements are key to understanding the state and the ability of popular groups to change institutions," Jackie Smith sociology professor Lynch cited the gradual withdrawal of social welfare programs by government as well as increased globalization as the causes for the rise in number of NGOs. The increased effectiveness of these organizations is linked to the perception of a false assumption and reluctance, Lynch said.

"There's an assumption that others should act as we do, want what we want," Lynch said. "Market systems create haves and have-nots ... we need more direct challenges to these market systems. We need to think more about whether there is a resistance by humanitarians to take on the number of NGOs in developing countries is increasing, but he noted their slow Takings Bonus for 2010-2011 Notre Dame Apartments Newly Remodeled $300 Free Internet Free Water On-Site Laundry Newly Remodeled $300 Free Internet Free Water On-Site Laundry $300 Signing Bonus 345 Categories of Books $3500 Handbook and Paperback books in stock Out-of-Print search service with print 46617 OPEN noon to six Tuesday through Sunday of South Bend, IN 46617 2010-2011 2 Bedroom, 1,200 sq. ft. Apartments Newly Remodeled Free Internet Free Water On-Site Laundry Only Three Blocks from Campus View the floorplan at www.kramerhouses.com call (574) 234-2436

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Boeing evaluates labor disputes

Tense relationship between union and company prompts talks about compromise

BY ALEX GLASS, THE OBSERVER

A Boeing 787 sits in the paint hangar at the company's facility in Everett, Wash. In April 2009.

The work stoppage cost the company billions in deferred revenue and caused some of the delays in production of its new 787 at a time when Boeing was growing increasingly frustrated with labor squabbles. There would be a parade of people, thousands and thousands of them, making noise and screaming" — right in the factory, Gettmann said. "That's the employee-employer relationship? It's shocking."

On Wednesday, the union was dealt a crushing blow when Boeing decided to open its new 787 line with nonunion workers in South Carolina and not the Seattle suburbs where it has had a presence for generations.

It is another sign that it may be time for the Machinists union to reevaluate its relationship with Boeing, even as the union argues that its workers offer the best value for the company and that it is committed to making sure future work is done "right," in the words of one union executive.

There's a new game in town when it comes to deciding where future work will be done, she said. companies are making sure future work is done in places where there are no union workers, she said.

In brief

Mo. facility fined for violations

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff said Wednesday that it had proposed a $16,000 fine for a nuclear facility in eastern Missouri.

The Hematite facility processed uranium and made nuclear fuel for use in power plants from 1974 to 2001. Decommission work is expected to be done in 2012.

Westinghouse Electric Co. says the work posed no safety risks, but that it has accurate information was submitted about the amount of uranium-235 in a building, and a commission approved such a move, he said.

The company said it would rile the members up so bad you can't control it," Wroblewski said. Two Boeing negotiators, Doug Kight and Ray Conner, sent a memo to the company's managers Thursday detailing the talks with the union. It said the union offered not to strike for 10 years — two fewer than the company wanted — and demanded that Boeing promise to bring future work to the Puget Sound area, something the company couldn't stomach.

That said, the sides did reach agreement on a framework for sharing future medical cost increases.

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"That's what we and the union were working toward," she said. South Carolina offered Boeing $170 million in incentives and relief from sales taxes on things like fuel used in test flights, and Boeing's workers there voted to de-certify their union last month.

Expedia reports third quarter profits

Exhibits third quarter profits

BY AMY CRAM-POLLARD, THE OBSERVER

BELLvue, Wash. — Bookings are up at online travel company Expedia Inc., fueling its profit growth despite prices for flights and hotels holding steady or softening.

The company said Thursday that the rise in bookings, which helped its third-quarter profit grow 23 percent, points to better days ahead for the rest of the travel industry, too, still hurting as consumers and businesses limit their spending during the recession.

The company said it earned $171 million, or 40 cents a share, in the three-month period that ended Sept. 30. That's up from $94.8 million, or 33 cents a share, a year earlier.

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"Travelers are clearly responding to our improving value proposition, as we broaden our fee cuts and increase the depth and breadth of our global supply," Kohnorstahi said.
**Dance**

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week. "Our EMX has always been a very successful fundraiser for us and this year is no exception," senior Kelly Deranek said. "We had over 200 orders so far and we still haven't finished the sale as of yet."

The Dance Marathon organized and held a car wash, money for local restaurants and more, Deranek said. According to Deranek, the Marathon's most successful fundraiser is the Letter Writing Campaign. When the donors register for the Marathon, they turn in a list of addresses. The people on the list receive letters asking if they would sponsor that specific dancer. 

"We will hold a car wash, besides the actual marathon that will take place in March 26 and 27 from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., that the dancers can raise money," said Ville Peltola, a fundraiser for the event, "so our Dancers can get involved in the cause and to help fundraise themselves." Deranek said.

"Dance Marathon will continue to raise money, although there is no set goal for this year. We don't have a goal for our total this year," Deranek said. "Any money that the hospital would not have had otherwise. Of course, we do hope to surpass last year's total of over $91,000, but any check we could provide the hospital at the end of the year is a success on our part." "Weather for fundraisers for this semester include a White House Black Market on Nov. 8, a Give Back Night at Hacienda on Nov. 4 and a Fannie May chocolate fundraiser."

A Salon Night, a Tie Dye Night and a Pirate Party will take place in November. In December, Dance Marathon will be holding a Santa Breakfast for students and the community. The Dec. 12 Notre Dame Women's Basketball game is known as "Blue Bay and Dance Marathon will raise money at the game."

"We will also be passing out information about our organizing committee and helping out with a halftime fundraiser and event," Deranek said.

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**ENGLAND**

**Scientists debate flu vaccine for kids**

Associated Press

LONDON — Dutch scientists showed that the seasonal flu vaccine this year is a proposal flatly rejected by other health experts. Their commentary, based largely on animal studies, was published online Friday in the American Journal of Infectious Diseases. Yet many top health officials said it was no proof that children are more likely to avoid swine flu by passing on a seasonal shot.

"The best shot parents have at protecting their kids is to get them a shot in the arm or up the nose," said Oosterhol, director of the Center for Infectious Diseases Research at the University of Minnesota. "Parents should get whatever vaccine is available and approved."

In the opinion piece, Guus Reumers of Erasmus University and colleagues suggest that h e a l t h a u t h o r i t i e s r e c o m m e n d should not cause any bloodshed or lead to that either nor would I have ever agreed to that," he said before asking for mercy so he could see his wife, five children and 80-year-old mother again.

He quietly thanked Allah in Arabic when Mihm delivered the sentence.

"That's unacceptable," Mihm said.

"We are going to execute al-Marri's jail term," Judge sentenced an al-Qaida agent to eight years in prison. "The judge's decision could be Al-Marri, a 44-year-old "My name is não al-Marri, al-Marri's brother, said by telephone. "Did they your degree in:

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Community college enrollment grows

Associated Press

Some are there because of the recession, and others despite it. Regardless, more young Americans than ever are in college — especially community college, according to a new report.

A record high of about 11.5 million Americans age 18 to 24, or nearly 40 percent, attended college in October 2008, according to a study from the Pew Research Center. Virtually all the increase of 300,000 students over the previous year came at two-year schools, while attendance at four-year schools remained flat.

Community colleges almost certainly saw attendance go up at least that much again this year, though final figures are not yet available. The American Association of Community Colleges reports growth rates of 10 percent and higher and have been common this fall on many campuses.

Overall college attendance has been going up for about 20 years, what's new is the sharp uptick at community colleges, driven in large part by recessionary bargain hunting and closer ties between two- and four-year colleges that give students more confidence they'll be able to transfer.

It's not just middle-aged people coming back to school and very poor people any more," said Mike Grace, 24, a student at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, N.C., who plans to transfer to nearby North Carolina State next spring.

"I'm seeing what I would consider to be relatively rich kids coming to school."

As a broader range of traditional-age college students choose a community college, "it doesn't have the stigma it once did," Grace said.

Last year, nearly 12 percent of all 18- to 24-year-olds, or 3.4 million, were enrolled in community colleges, up from 10.9 percent the year before.

The relative economic advantages of at least starting a degree at a community college have widened as prices at four-year colleges have shot up much faster.

Average tuition and fees at public two-year colleges ran just $2,372 this year, according to a study released last week by the College Board, compared to $7,020 at public four-year colleges and more than $26,000 at private ones. Once government grants and other aid are factored in, community colleges are essentially tuition-free to the average student, though living expenses and books remain.

"People have less money," said Hope Davis, a spokesman for the Community College of Baltimore County in Maryland, whose enrollment is up about 14 percent this year. "If you can go to community college and pay $2,500 instead of $25,000 and get your general education credits out of the way and then transfer, it makes more sense."

For Grace, Wake Tech is about one-third the price of a public four-year college. Saving money up front, he hopes to stretch out his Montgomery GI Bill benefits long enough to cover a master's degree, too.

Wake's enrollment is up 11 percent this year, on top of a 14 percent increase in 2008. Classes are overcrowded, but not controversial. Grace thinks some are better than at N.C. State because the community college is deemed that its graduates succeed after they transfer. Grace's sister tried to persuade him he'd be missing out on dorm life and other experiences at a commuter college, but he disagreed.

"I've lived in barracks before," said the Afghanistan veteran. "I don't want to party my way through school. I just want to go through school and get my degree."

Richard Fry, the report's author, said another factor behind community college growth is the steadily increasing proportion of young adults who have completed high school, which hit a record high of nearly 85 percent last October. That means more students are eligible to pursue higher education, but most of the growth is coming from students whose academic qualifications make them more likely to start at two-year school.

While it's good news more students are enrolled in college, the Census figures say nothing about whether overcrowded two-year institutions will succeed in getting students the credentials they seek or helping them transfer to bachelor's degree programs.

Many are bursting at the seams, cutting some courses to meet budgets and holding others late at night. It's impossible to say how many have been turned away for lack of space (California estimates about 200,000 in that state alone).

Baltimore County colleges have turned student lounges into classrooms and asked students to take classes during more unpopular time slots — early mornings and Friday nights, for instance. At least one college, Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, is holding some classes between midnight and 2:30 a.m.

President Barack Obama has made community colleges the centerpiece of his goal for every American to have at least some higher education credential by 2020, and earlier this year proposed spending $2 billion over the next decade to help community college graduate an additional 3 million people.

The House responded last month by passing a student aid bill that included about $10 billion in spending to be more formally focused on community colleges. The Senate has not yet taken up the proposal.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Intellectual debate outside classrooms

The perceived lack of intellectual discussion outside the classroom is just that: perceived. I'm not sure how students measured the intellectual quality of dining hall conversations, but I think it would be safe to say they didn't.

I suppose I can't speak for all students, but I have had no lack of intellectual debates/syards matches with my friends and roommates, covering such topics as health care reform, foreign policy, international development policy, the existence of God, simultaneous belief in God and science, and so many more. But, since those conversations take place in dining halls and dorm rooms and no one makes sure to have a student government representative present at all times, I guess the fact that such discussions take place fell through the cracks.

I'll go so far as to say there's a lack of constant intellectual debate, it's because of the type of student that applies to Notre Dame. We are smart, but we care about purely nonacademic things as well. We'll write a paper in six hours so we can go watch the basketball game against Georgetown and then still be at the paper, and then still love Notre Dame as well.

Easter of 2002.

Because of those experiences we both had, it was imperative to both of us to protect our purity. "We also shared an awareness of the profound treasure that God had given us in each other, and we desired to protect it." To those interested in forming a relationship, Danielle advises, "If you are a person of faith, going to Mass and interacting with people in religious environments provides good opportunities to meet someone.

"But also think about someone who takes time out of their day to go to Mass, confession, adoration ... it says volumes of a person that the rhythm of their day is planned to make that important.

"Also, watch how they interact with other people in their family and with their parents and their siblings. They are their first priority, and if they have them they have known most intimately.

"On physical attraction, Danielle comments, "That just has to be there ... If there is no chemistry that's not a natural relationship."

For those in a relationship, Kevin recommends "faith, mutual respect and gentleness with one another." Danielle adds, "It is important to provide that safe space for open communication, taking each other seriously, even if it might be a challenge.

The marriage is born out of a deep friendship has filled the Healy family with a palpable love. Reflecting the beauty of their relationship, Jacob, balled up in the corner of the couch, whispers, "I love you."

"Why do you love us, Jacob?"

"Because you're my best friends."
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**By ERIC PRISTER**

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**Merlin def. the Balrog**

Taking a page out of his fellow-wizard's magical book, Merlin did his best Gandalf impression by knocking off the top-seeded Balrog and sending the dragon to its doom.

Merlin first did some lightning-fast spell-work and moved the field of battle to the top of a cliff. The Balrog had no choice but to follow and placed itself perilously near the edge of the cliff. Merlin then effortlessly stuck his staff in the ground, breaking the cliff and sending the Balrog toppling to the depths below.

With the death of a man 200 years younger, Merlin floated down the cliff's edge and stabbed the Balrog with his conjured sword, ending the championship run of the literary bracket's favorite.

**By SYZMON RYZNER**

**Scene Writer**

**Cerberus def. Manticore**

The battle was long, both seeds fought hard, but ultimately it was the resilient Cerberus who took home the 'W.' The Manticore had the advantage of flight but Cerberus was surefooted and knew the Manticore couldn't fly forever. The airborne assault was heavy and consistent, but with its three pairs of eyes the Cerberus never lost sight of the Manticore. Once the Manticore tired its wings, the mighty Cerberus mangled the frightful beast and on land it simply was no contest.

Upon the breath of a man, the great Cerberus, guardian of the underworld has reached the finals of the Myth bracket where it will encounter the Hydra.

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Halloween Horrors

By CORNELIUS ROGERS
Some Writer

As Halloween rolls around, movie buffs and scaredy cats alike have an occasion to curl up on the couch with a bowl of candy and pop in a scary movie. But there are so many to choose from. The night endless list of movies deemed appropriate for Halloween runs the gamut covering everything from B-list horror flicks to timeless classics. Here is a list of recommendations that offers a little taste of everything, none of which will leave you disappointed.

"Psycho"

This may not technically be considered a "horror" movie, as it falls more into the suspense/thriller genre. Nevertheless, this movie's shower scene is arguably one of the scariest moments in cinematic history. The plot of the movie revolves around Norman Bates, one of the creepiest villains of the silver screen, owner of an out-of-the-way motel, and to behavor the obvious the director of the movie is Alfred Hitchcock, the master of suspense. The suspense in the film gradually builds up into a wonderful climax that will have you leaping off that couch and possibly spill your candy corn. From its first shot to its last, "Psycho" is an aesthetic masterpiece and any Halloween movie night is incomplete without it.

"Saw"

Don't let its five sequels fool you, the original "Saw" provides very good thrills. The movie was notoriously low budget, making it even more of a Halloween classic. If you think you've seen all of the plot twists possible in a scary movie, then think again. This movie's ending will have your jaw drop to the floor, alongside that bowl of candy corn.

"The Shining"

If you have not delved into the creative genius of a Stanley Kubrick film, then you are missing out. Like "Psycho," this movie features a creepy guy, Jack Nicholson, in a creepy hotel. Unlike "Psycho," this movie is full of rich colors running from blood red to ghastly white. This movie is sure to send chills down your spine for no other reason than "Edwinm.

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The original "Thriller" video

OK, so it's not a movie, but the original video is about 10 minutes long and can be found on Youtube. Fun fact, it is directed by John Landis who also directed "The Blues Brothers."

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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE REVIEW

By SHANE STEINBERG
Some Writer

Undertaking the formidable task of transforming Maurice Sendak's timeless gem of a child's tale, "Where the Wild Things Are," into a film, visionary director Spike Jonze has managed to pull off a faithful yet refreshingly original adaptation in wondrous fashion. It beautifully frames the dreamy youthful spirit that its original illustrations are beautiful—making it even more of a Halloween classic. If you have not seen all of the plot twists possible in a scary movie, then think again. This movie's ending will have your jaw drop to the floor, alongside that bowl of candy corn.

The real triumph here is the life interjected into each of the Wild Things. Designed with a perfect mix of high-tech CGI and fur and spiky-muche bodiles, Sendak's original illustrations are beautifully brought to life. And Jonze, hoping to put his own daring flavor into the equation, breathes life into each creature by giving each of them its own name, personality and voice. It's the life he breathes into the creatures that ultimately separates the film from the book, as much of 1. is rea

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Badin and Ryan struggle over playoff berth

Lions hope to break winless streak; Pangborn and Cavanaugh fight for postseason; Breen-Philips looks to earn first result

By LEX DANIELS, KAITLYN MURPHY, JOHN HELMS, TIM SINGLER, MATTHEW ROBERTSON and KELLY ZENERE

Badin and Ryan are ready to play the final game of their regular seasons at 5 p.m. on Saturday. While the Wildcats’ reworked offense has led them to be more competitive with league powerhouses, while a big win over the Lions will be the Buffalo fuel in the upcoming contest.

Ryan’s work ethic is highly apparent on the field. They are organized and disciplined on the field, but not on the side of the ball, and run a very balanced, efficient offense. The Wildcats previously faced Badin’s squad in a preseason scrimmage. While both teams were rusty, Ryan hopes their reworked offense and stifling defense will break the momentum of the Buffalo.

“The Buffalo are working forward to seeing them again,” said senior captain Kobie Dore. “They’re improved for sure, but we’ve improved a lot too.”

The Boys’ Warriors are a significantly an improved team for Badin. The Wildcats struggle on storms Lyons 36-0, boosting their record to 1-3. Despite being confident in her team, her only concern being the weather.

“Getting back into the swing of things after the fall break is going to be tough,” Dore said. “We’re going to shake off the rust and try and try to repeat the outstanding performance we pulled off in our last outing.”

Both of these teams are fighting for a possible playoff berth both in the wide-open girls’ football division, and the less than a week’s – records of these two make this game a must win for both.

**Wals vs. Lyons**

Wireless Lyons hope to score their first touchdown of the season against Walsh (4-1) Sunday. Despite a 1-4 record for the season that the Lions have faced, they refuse to lose their positive attitude.

“Although we haven’t seen the last two minutes of a game due to our consistent losses by the slaughter rule, we always look fly,” sophomore receiver Caroline Macaron said. “We actually feel really good about our defensive unit; someone is guaranteed to bring the pressure.”

Macaron lamented the loss of senior quarterback and captain Claire Connell due to a season-ending injury.

The Whirlwinds hope to rebound after their season’s last loss to Monserrat West. A win on Sunday could help them in terms of standings as they enter the playoffs.

Whirlwind’s senior captain Megan Sheehan cites the importance of her team’s consistent offensive performance, according to junior quarterback Amy Langmecker.

Langmecker hopes to rebound from last week’s scoreless game against the Weasels against a vulnerable Lyons’ defense.

Defensive leaders for the Whirlwinds include senior fully fitted by and junior Amanda Spiegelger. Walsh’s defense will hope to extend Lyons’ win streak. Kickoff is Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Field.

**Pangborn vs. Cavanaugh**

Playoff implications are on the line as Pangborn and Cavanaugh face off Sunday afternoon. Both teams have been fighting for their playoff hopes since formation, but both teams have fought hard to have a chance to earn their way into the post season.

Cavanaugh scored out 0-2 with two quick losses, but has been finding their way around with two wins in a row. The Chaos are led by a strong group of players, most notably two sophomores: quarterback and wide receiver Brittiny Alexander.

“Rebecca has been able to scramble and run really well,” Alexander said. “She’s also made some incredible decisions with the ball all year long.”

“Right around this season can be attributed to a long layout in the middle of their season, due to a bye week and a rained out game. During this break, the team revamped their offense and changed their defensive strategy. The players have really been able to salvage the season.”

“Now we’ve put ourselves in position to make the playoffs if we can win the next two games,” Alexander said.

Pangborn finds itself in a similar situation. With a record of 1-2, the girls have responded by having to must win game against Badin, keeping the Babes winless. The Phoxes trailed for the majority of the game, but were able to come back keeping their playoff hopes alive. They now find themselves at 2-2 and are faced with another must win game against Cavanaugh. Pangborn and Cavanaugh will fight for possession Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Field.

**BP vs. Howard**

As the regular season draws to a close, every game means as Rescence as BSU is likely to gain their first win and hand mighty Howard their first Home.

Howard has amassed a perfect 5-0 record this year. By maintaining a perfect record throughout the season, they climbed to the top of their division.

This game however, could be the end of their winning streak. They would not only lose the perfect record, but they could also lose some momentum going into the playoffs.

Our final game against Breen-Phillips will set the tone for playoffs,” Ducks junior captain Kayla Bishop said. “So we’re looking to come out strong.”

By winning the final game, the Dogs would be able to lead into top playoff spot in their division. This game is where the Ducks really excelled and they will look to the other teams to make sure it doesn’t go to waste.

"We will knock the other out of the playoffs," Bishop said. "But we’re confident in our coaches and we will put together the right formula to let us play our best football this Sunday."

Both teams have also had to deal with a fair amount of adversity both off and on the field this week. Pangborn has faced on-the-field troubles off the field.

"I think we’ve worked out our glitches. I don’t care if we don’t win according to the game we have designed," Dore said. "We make a few changes here and there; all that matters is what those girls can do on the field. And what they can do is be full of heart and determination and that can equal to football games."}

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IN BRIEF

NBA to investigate Donaghy’s accusations
NEW YORK — The NBA says it will review allegations by former referee Tim Donaghy that were posted online.

The league also says Thursday it has been reassured that an investigation found Donaghy to be the only official involved in criminal conduct. The referees say they are disappointed but not surprised by their former colleague’s actions.

Donaghy admitted taking cash payoffs from gamblers for picks on games, including ones he officiated. He was sentenced to 15 months for conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce.

Donaghy accuses fellow referees of misconduct in excerpts that appeared on the Web site deadspin.com. The publisher, however, says it won’t go forward with the book.

PujoS says he wants to finish career in St. Louis
ST. LOUIS — Calm down, Cardinal fans: Albert Pujols wants to stay in St. Louis.

"The fans know and the Cardinals know that I want to be a Cardinal for my whole career," Pujols said WXYG-FM on Thursday. "I love this city. The way that this city has embraced me and my family."

Pujols, who has one year left on his contract plus an option year, raised some eyebrows with his comments during an interview with a Dominican radio station earlier this month.

"I'm not desperate to sign a contract extension," he said. "I have one year remaining in my contract for 2010 and a club option for 2011. I leave the rest in God's hands." Pujols told CBN 92.5 FM.

The two-time NL MVP said he wanted the Cardinals to compensate him on signing Matt Holliday and other free agents first.

Jeter's service honored with Clemente Award
NEW YORK — Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter has won the Roberto Clemente Award.

The Yankees captain was presented with the award Thursday before the start of Game 2 of the World Series between New York and the Philadelphia Phillies. The award is given annually to a major league player who combines community service with excellence on the field. Jeter is being honored for his work with his Turn 2 Foundation, which supports programs that help young people recover from drug use to a healthier lifestyle. He hit .334 this season.

Clemente was a Hall of Fame right fielder with the Pittsburgh Pirates who died in a plane crash on Dec. 31, 1972, while trying to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. He finished his career with 3,000 hits.
PW earns win with defense

Pangborn dominates Ryan; Cavanaugh shuts out Lyons

By KEVIN BALDWIN, BARRICK BOLLMAN and ANDREW O'WENES
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With the clock winding down in the second half, it appeared as if Badin was going to pull off a stunning upset of undefeated Pasquerilla West. Trailing by six points, the Purple Phoxes quarterback connected a 15-yard bullet pass to freshman Alice Verokun, who then evaded a defender and ran 25 more yards for the improbable touchdown.

The Weasels' defense then rallied to shut down the Bullfrogs' on their final possession and they snuck away with the narrow 8-6 win.

"A lot of credit to Badin, they played really well, with intensity," Pasquerilla West senior captain Claire Connell said.

The Purple Weasels struck first, with quick senior Lindsey "McManimal" McMahon cutting the Bullfrogs' quarterback out of his end zone for a safety. This set a standard for the tenacious Pasquerilla West defense who would concede only one first down in the entire game, and recorded several more sacks.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Weasels used an effective option run for numerous short gains, but failed to put any numbers on the board until the end of the half.

"Offense had trouble producing early on," Curley said. "We relied too heavily on Badin's defense was in control for a large part of the game playing Pasquerilla West at the goal line on defense.

So it was a real "offensive" night.

Roeny Cooney returned an interception 40 yards up the field, dodging through a mob of defenders for the team's only touchdown.

"They were matching them play for play," Bullfrogs' senior captain Kelley Daniels said. "There was just one defensive breakdown and that was all they needed."

Freshman Ashley Okonta showcased the offensive side of the ball, running for many big gains supported by a solid offensive line that included the agile sophomore Carli Fernandez.

The agile Weasels will likely get a first round bye in the playoffs, and if taking their opposition lightly, will continue to prepare in the meantime.

"We're really happy with the undefeated season, but it means nothing now," Curley said. "It's all about the playoffs now, we're taking it one game at a time."

Badin has one more chance to go out with a bang with one more regular season game on their schedule without the pressure of competing for a playoff berth.

"We're out of the playoffs but we're not done playing," Daniels said.

The Bullfrogs will play their final game on Sunday against Ryan.

Pangborn 27, Ryan 0

Notched a win over Ryan (1-4) Thursday at Riehle Fields.

The Weasels out swinging as junior quarterback Gabby Tate completed a 35-yard strike to one her favorite targets, senior receiver Megan Bescher. Pangborn never looked back on their way to the victory.

It was a rough night for Ryan. The Wildcats had trouble moving the ball against the powerful Pangborn defense. Defensive, Ryan had trouble containing the big play ability of Pangborn.

"Our defense wasn't one to get big stops, and our offense just wasn't clicking," Ryan senior captain Kenzie Bowen said.

On the other side, Pangborn Hall had no trouble executing their game plan. Dual-threat Gabby Tate had a big game, running for two touchdowns. She also connected with sophomore Liz Pawlak and Megan Bescher for the other two touchdowns. Defensively, the Phoxes stymied the Wildcats offense. Junior Emily Wartenberger led the way with a fantastic sack. What was more impressive was that Panghorn was missing a few players for the game and still won, showing their versatility.

"We really played fast tonight, moving down the field and winning back the ball quick on offense," Panghorn sophomore captain Julie Cooney said.

While Ryan may have struggled this season, they still have enjoyed it and look forward to their last game.

"We are going to have a lot of fun and end the season on a good note," Bowen said. "We have a lot of freshman with a lot of talent. I think we will be strong the next couple of years."

Meanwhile, with their victory tonight, Panghorn has a chance to play themselves into the playoffs with a big game against Cavanaugh on Sunday. They are looking forward to the game and are ready for the challenge.

Cavanaugh 14, Lyons 0

Led by an inspiring defensive effort and key plays from the offense in the second half, Cavanaugh beat Lyons to win their third game of the season.

The Chaos scored the game's first touchdown early in the second half on an 18-yard wide receiver reverse pass on fourth down.

Cavanaugh added another touchdown in the half on a 15-yard touchdown from Rebecca Cink to Brittni Pangborn.

"The receivers ran good routes and it all comes together when everybody does what they're supposed to do," Cink said.

"We've been running new plays. We communicated really well and it all meshed and come together.

The Chaos offense sputtered early, but the defense made sure they were not trailing heading into the half.

"The defense picked up our slack in the first half," Alexander said. "We didn't do anything and the defense picked us up, not allowing a first down at all. They were awesome."

After winning their third game of the season, the Chaos will try to keep it going Sunday when they play Pangborn.

"We're going to practice hard and we're going to bump up our intensity," Cink said.

Lyons remains winless after losing to Cavanaugh. They were in the entire game and feel they are playing their best football right now.

"We played a team game out there and gave it our all," senior captain Claire Connell said. "There was a lot of hope at halftime when it was 0-0. We played very well in the first half. It was an overall solid performance by Lyons kids."

Lyons has been derailed by injuries throughout the season, but no members of the team had to leave the game against Cavanaugh. They hope they can get healthy enough to return some players for the next game against Walsh.

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After Carroll's season ended before break with a 2-0-2 record after a scoreless tie against Sorin, the three teams were left tangled at their division. St. Edward's only loss was 7-6 to Carroll.

After a close 7-0 victory to Zahm in their last game, St. Edward's is hoping to have a less nerve-wracking win this week. They plan to come out strong and make fewer mistakes than in previous games to eliminate errors that may hurt them.

The Gentlemen look to senior free safety Mark Costanzo to keep the defense solid, and rely on freshman Rob Dillard to take charge on offense for their running game.

"Our biggest problem so far has been losing to Carroll, but after that first game, we really came together," senior captain Andy Nester said.

For this game, Sorin looks to its freshmen quarterback, Ted Spinelli, to continue leading the offense. His rookie status has yet to have a big game on seven points or less and will try to jumpstart their still-scoreless offense this weekend, feeling confident thanks to the 27-point outburst Fisher yielded to St. Edward's, whom the Zahmies held to only 7 points.

"We've just caught a couple bad breaks," Zahm's senior captain Jarred Carter said. "Any handful of plays have killed us."

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"The defense has actually played well," Carter said. "The offense has not been as good as expected." Zahm will need Carter to have a big game at running back behind strong blocking from junior offensive lineman Mark Pomerenke. Junior wide receiver Charlie Harig will also need to step up on Sunday to help the Zahm defense break through the Green Wave defense.

Fisher has also had a tough season, including a disappointing 6-6 to against Carroll. Carter best summarized the overall tone of the game for both teams. "We're just trying to go out with a bang, that's all."

The Green Wave will battle the Zahmies on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

O'Neill vs. Keough

On Sunday, Keough (1-2) and O'Neill (0-3) battle for bragging rights on West Quad. Although both teams are eliminated from playoff contention, they still have a lot to play for.

"You always play to win the game, but things get ramped up when you play your rival dorm," sophomore captain Ryan Cordell said. "Since we're playing O'Neill, it's not going to take a lot to get my guys motivated. They want bragging rights, so they're going to play their hearts out."

The Kangaroos aren't going to go quietly and take the rivalry just as seriously.

"We are playing Keough and it's our rival," sophomore receiver Julian Murphy said. "It's a pride thing and it's always good to beat Keough, so we have plenty of motivation."

The Angry Mob plans to spread the ball around offensively. They are led by senior quarterback Matt Bradgeman and senior center and co-captain Sean Mullens. The O'Neill defense takes pride on stopping the run. They are led by junior Brian Keopel in the secondary and freshman Robert Todd on the line of scrimmage.

Kough has struggled offensively this season, losing to each of the three teams it faced. The newest addition to the offensive side is the much coveted first round bye in the conference tournament.

On the defensive side, the Keough defense is going to try to keep the offense from scoring this weekend. Keough is led by senior captain Jarred O'Neill (0-3) and senior captain Matt Bruggeman and senior center and co-captain Sean Mullens.

"Keough takes on West Quad rival O'Neill in a big game on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field."

Stanford vs. Keenan

The legendary Battle of the Chapel is set to take place this Sunday, the annual football match over naming rights to the common lobby and chapel shared by Stanford and Keenan Halls.

This game will be a "must win" for the defending champion Keenan Knights, who need a victory of their own in addition to a loss by Keough this week in order to keep their playoff hopes alive. They will have their metal tested against an imposing undefeated Griffins squad, coming off a 10-0 shutout over O'Neill before break.

Though the Knights have relied heavily on their resilient defense, led by sophomore ball-hound PJ McHugh, throughout the season, their sophomore captain and quarterback Terry Mahoney is confident they have made the necessary improvements to bring the offense up speed.

"We need to get the ball in the end zone," Mahoney said. "The rest will take care of itself."

Players to watch include running back Trevor Yerrick and junior Adam Weightman as well as wide receiver, junior Matt Spence.

Stanford will try to build on their momentum from an already outstanding season to secure a coveted first round bye in the playoffs.

"We're pretty excited right now," senior captain Chris Gill said. "We're hoping to end the season on a high note."

The Stanford defense has played impossibly this year, allowing only a single touchdown in the last three games and intends to keep up the pace Sunday. Expect to see some big plays out of sophomore defensive end Kyle Goodworth.

"Our defense is going to try to force their quarterback into throwing the ball," Gill said.

Likewise the Griffins' offense has been known to dominate their side of the field, running back Dave Gallayas making high-light-reel plays on a weekly basis, but captain Gill emphasizes the importance of the offensive line.

"They will decide how the offense does," he said.

The only thing these teams are concerned with is the name that appears in the lobby that connects the two halls.

"We're not thinking about that, we're just up there now and we hope to keep it that way," Mahoney said.

"Battle will commence at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field."

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**MEN’S INTERHALL**

**Battle of perfect records to begin**

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Sports Writers

Morrissy and Knott square off in a match of unbeatens Sunday that will determine two division playoff spots.

The Manor clinched a playoff spot and is looking for their first win of the season against Siegfried. However, if Knott falls to Morrissy, the Juggerknotts will concede their playoff bid to the Ramblers.

Juggerknotts (2-0-1) has had a surprisingly successful season and will be well rested for Sunday’s game. The Juggerknotts are coming off an Alumni fall and a bye week. "We've had a very encouraging season thus far," Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. "We're well-rested and very ready for this game."

They will need to be ready in a game that determines their season. A tie is division for Siegfried put them in this position.

"We were a little disappointed we couldn't pull off the win against Siegfried. We had a couple of opportunities that slipped by," Fitzgerald said. "I'm sure they were too. Both teams had their chances. We've put it in. This is a big game for us."

In their third real game and fifth week of the season, Fitzgerald believes the team is peaking for a deep playoff run as the team is just hitting stride. "I think we've come together. It's bound to happen sooner or later."

Morrissey 0-2-1 beat Siegfried 9-7 in a nail biter before break. The Manor looks to close out its undefeated season with a balanced offense led by senior quarterback Danny Devroy.

"We've used a successful aerial attack, but we'd like to mix it up with a run-pass mix to utilize talent more efficiently," Morrissy senior Phil Yuhas said.

The Manor defense stepped up holding the Ramblers to one touchdown last week. Freshmen led the charge as defensive end Taylor Stein and tackle Sean Buur made plays all over the field.

The Manor will need their defense to control a Juggerknott team just hitting their stride. Unbeaten seasons and playoff hopes are on the line when Morrissy meets Knott. Gametime is 2 p.m. at Richie Field.

Duncan vs. Siegfried

The last week of the regular season features a critical game as Siegfried (1-1-1) needs a win against Duncan (0-2-1) in addition to a Knott loss or their season is over.

Duncan, who is still searching for their first win in dorm history, is well aware of the game’s magnitude.

"The goal is still to get Duncan's first win ever," Duncan sophomore captain Paul School said. "That's the goal every week."

Beyond their quest for their first win, the Crusaders are more than willing to play spoiler to Siegfried's playoff hopes. "The team is very much aware that [Siegfried] needs a win," School said. "We feel that we can spoil their chances, especially because they won the championship last year."

Highlanders, led by freshman quarterback Chris Patrick, have had a promising season for such a new dorm and Scheel believes there is a lot of momentum going into next year regardless of the outcome against Siegfried.

"Our season was a positive outlook toward next year," Scheel said. "A win would certainly be better but we think this season has been a step forward, win or lose."

Siegfried, on the other hand, has no time to think about next season. The Ramblers will need a win and help to move to the playoffs and continue their title defense. They are confident heading into the final game.

"We're treating it like it's our biggest game of the year," senior captain Dex Cure said. "It's an early playoff game for us."

Siegfried is hoping to avoid overlooking the upstart Highlanders by matching their intensity.

"We know they're going to come out hard," Cure said. "They're been competitive in all their games so we're not going to be lacking anything or complacent."

The two teams will meet at Richie Field at 1 p.m. with the Ramblers hoping to hold off Duncan and set themselves up for a potential playoff berth.

St. Ed's vs. Sorin

For two teams this Sunday, more than a win is up for grabs. For Sorin (2-0-1) and all of Chicago, Edward's (2-1-1), it will determine who goes to the playoffs. This weekend marks the last in the regular season, so both teams have been preparing to step up their game.

**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Belles to face Kalamazoo in MIAA**

By CHRIS MICHALSKI

Sports Writer

Belles will finish their regular season this weekend with a match against Kalamazoo Friday and a double-header Saturday against Calvin and Hanover.

The Belles (9-13, 5-9 MIAA) will attempt to snap a four-game skid and get back on track before the playoffs. Their first chance to do so will be against the Hornets (11-15, 5-9), a conference foe in a similar scenario as far as seeding goes.

The Belles had no trouble with the Hornets in their first meeting Sept. 30, claiming a 3-1 win behind come-from-behind victories in the first and third sets. However, the Hornets have momentum after a 3-1 victory over Olivet, whereas the Belles are reeling from a 3-0 sweep at the hands of Albion on Senior Night. In that match, junior Stephanie Boden and senior captain Lorens Stupzkowski led the way with 10 and nine kills, respectively.

The Belles will remain on the road when they travel to Angola, Mich. Saturday for the conclusion of their conference schedule against Calvin. The Knights sit near the top of the MIAA standings with an impressive 12-2 record. Their only two losses came against undefeated Hope, who holds the top spot in the conference.

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SMC SWIMMING

Swimmers to face Kalamazoo

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After a respectable showing last week at the season-opening MIAA Relays, the Belles look to get an early jump in the conference tonight as they face off against Kalamazoo.

Considering last week's relays were non-timed events, this will be the first official meet for the Belles this year.

Last season was a forgettable one for Saint Mary's, led by second-year coach Alicia Dombkowski. The Belles are looking to rebound from a season where they lost six of their nine dual meets.

For Saint Mary's to be successful, it will need to get significant production from its freshmen. The Belles' roster is currently composed of 21 swimmers, 13 of which are entering their first year.

Tonight's meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

MIAA to begin Championships

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After a two week break, Saint Mary's will return to action this Saturday at the MIAA Championships in Adrian, Mich. The meet, hosted by Adrian College, accounts for two-thirds of the total points allotted by the conference to teams vying for the top spots in the final MIAA standings.

The Belles took fourth place at the other conference tournament, the MIAA Jamboree, on September 26. No. 2 Calvin took the top honors in convincing fashion, sweeping the top-five individual honors.

Still, Saint Mary's is in a solid position for its best ever conference finish. "It's the best finish we've had at Jamboree," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "Adrian definitely came out this season with some fresh talent, but I think we can come back and compete for that spot, though."

Saint Mary's is hoping that a combination of veteran leadership and young talent will be able to vault the team over its conference competitors. Leading the pack for the Belles will be senior captain Megan McClowry and breakout freshman Julia Kenney. The pair has led Saint Mary's in each of the Belles' six meets this season.

"The team is looking to improve upon last year's fourth-place finish in the MIAA," Bauters said. "We would like to compete for second if possible."

Saint Mary's will face its stiffest competition from No. 2 Calvin and No. 7 Ilope, who each feature deep and talented lineups. The Belles will need to rely on a group of sophomore harriers behind Kenney and McClowry to make ground in the conference.

"I'd like to see our 3-6 runners close the gap a bit with our 1-2 runners," Bauters said. "If we can do that, we've got a great shot of achieving our goals."

The Bulldogs should be the X-factor this weekend. Adrian narrowly edged Saint Mary's at the MIAA Jamboree despite fielding a squad without any junior or senior harriers.

The 6-kilometer meet begins at 11 a.m. Saturday morning on the Championship Course of Lenawee Christian School.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish host first match at new Purcell Pavilion

By LAURA MYERS

Irish host first match at new Purcell Pavilion

Notre Dame will bring its eight-game win streak into a brand new venue when they play on Seton Hall and Rutgers in the Purcell Pavilion this weekend.

Saturday's matchup with the Pirates will be the first athletic event held in the Pavilion, which has been under renovation since the spring.

"It's great to be back in our regular locker room," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We get to practice in there for the first time tomorrow so we're excited about that.

But that's not all. Notre Dame has been excited for the other teams in the Big East to come and see how we're improving. We're not playing for total score, we're trying to go fast enough, think we're confident and we're playing on a good level. I think if we continue to execute we'll be a good place.

The Irish will play Seton Hall Saturday at 3 p.m. and Rutgers Sunday at 1 p.m.

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**Men's Swimming and Diving**

Team hosts celebratory meet

By ERIC PRISTER

The Irish are coming off of a 179-119 victory over Oakland University in their second meet of the year, after finishing second at the Dennis Stark Relays. Notre Dame recorded 11 first-place finishes in the meet, and are looking to excel at the meet coming off of a three-month break with some positive momentum.

"We don't depend on a single person, because there's just a lot of scoring positions," Tim Welsh Irish coach said. "It doesn't matter where you score your points as long as you score them.

"We're just looking to see where we're strong. We're looking for people to step up, wherever that is and say Ok, I've claimed a spot here. Count on me. So that's what we're looking for, people that say that. I'm going to be good this year.

"The Irish diving team has been sold so far this year, as well as winning the diving competitions in both the Dennis Stark Relays and the dual meet against Oakland including impressive performances from senior John Lytle and sophomores Caleb Petrovic and freshman Bill Bass, who combined for eight first-place finishes in the meet.

"We don't depend on a single person, because there's just a lot of scoring positions," Welsh said. "It's not matter where you score your points as long as you score them. We think the team is ready to do that.

"Cleveland State was here already this season, as well as finishing the Dennis Stark relays in fifth place, and the Irish have been solid so far this season, and come into the contest with a 2-1 record. After defeating Evansville in their first meet, the Red Hawks fell to Southern Illinois before gaining another victory over Xavier.

"Miami is always one of the stronger teams in the MAC, so we think it's going to be a very good meet Saturday," Welsh said. The 25th anniversary dual-dual meet will take place Saturday in the Rolfs Aquatic Center with races set to begin at 2 p.m.

"We race to see how fast we can go," Welsh said. "Cleveland State and Miami are doing the same thing. We try not to watch the score boards, if we go fast enough, then the scoreboard will take care of itself, and if we don't move it doesn't matter what the scoreboard says. We're just trying to go faster.

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**Golf**

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"The last two weeks we got away from what makes us Notre Dame, the repetition, the preparation, the maturity," Kubinski said. "We started doing some stupid things out there — missing some puts we should make and hitting some loose shots. We are going to get back to how we play golf and how we start the season and focus on all those things that make us a good team.

The usual lineups of the Irish, seniors Josh Sandman and Doug Fortner, have been absent from the lead in the two disappointing tournaments. Sandman tied for 57th, fourth on the team, at The Spring at the Bridgeston Championship, following a strong finish during his junior year. Fortner's three rounds did not count toward the Irish score en route to a tie for 64th in that tournament. Sandman finished second on the team, in a tie for 45th, at the Bridgeston Championship. Fortner's three rounds did not count toward the Irish score in route to a tie for 64th in that tournament.

"Doug is going back in the lineup with the confidence that he's had," Kubinski said. "He had a good week at home getting some work in, sorting out some issues with his swing. I think he's going to play really well down in North Carolina.

The Irish will need Fortner at his best, along with Sandman, to compete for first match play tournament since Kubinski's arrival.

"The competition is right in front of you, which is a little different," Kubinski said. "We don't have a lot of scoring positions. We're not playing for total score, we're playing against some-one. You are still playing the golf course, but it is more of a man-to-man match.

Kubinski said maturity and confidence would be necessary to handle the challenges that match play presents.

"The guts can't get caught up in what their opponent does," Kubinski said. "If he hits a bad shot, you can't try to play more conservatively and get off your game. The best advice is you have to play the golf course, follow your plan and trust your plan and execution will be good enough to win.

Fortunately, the Irish do have some experience with match play, amongst themselves.

"The truth is we have settled a lot of our lineup at home playing matches against each other the last few weeks," Kubinski said. "Just the fact that you go eyeball-to-eyeball with your opponent makes it more exciting.

The Irish to finish their fall schedule on a good note, the team hopes of heading into their three-month break with some positive momentum.

"We played three good tournaments, then we had a couple, we struggled a little bit so it'd be nice to head into this three-month break with some momentum," Kubinski said.

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Hilland and Luke Zeller. McAlarney averaged 15 points per game and hit 42.3 percent of his 3-point attempts.

The new pavilion, located on the south end of the Joyce Center, cost $25 million and adds a new entrance to the arena. It also houses a club seating area and a new varsity store and ticket office.

Senior forward Luke Harangody, who averaged 23.3 points and 11.8 rebounds per game last season, rejoins the Irish for his senior year.

Harangody was selected as the Big East's preseason Player of the Year. He’ll be joined by senior guard Tory Jackson, who averaged 11 points a game last season.

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough sat out a year after transferring from Mississippi State but is eligible to play this season.

The Irish lost junior guard Scott Martin to a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) before the season. The most likely to play in his place are junior forwards Tyrone Nash and Carlston Scott.

Three freshmen joined the Irish roster this season. Mike Bieglerham, Joey Brooks and Jack Gooley will supplement a Notre Dame team that, due to Martin’s injury, lacks depth.

Martin was a transfer from Purdue where he averaged 13.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game as well. He was expected to start.

Lewis finished 16-12 last season and 10-8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Junior guard Danny Thomas is the team’s leading returning scorer, averaging 10.2 points per game last season.

The Irish scored 75 points per game last season and as a team hit nearly 40 percent of their 3-point attempts.

Tip-off for Sunday’s exhibition is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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especially the seniors as it is
time to prepare for the Big East Tournament.

Our Notre Dame banquet will be held at the grill restaurant in the Joyce Center on Saturday night.

The Irish women’s team is scheduled for a home game against the Harvard Crimson on Sunday and will then travel to run at the regional meet in mid-November.

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UConn

The season’s intensity is picking up for the Irish as they travel to Kenosha, Wis. for the Big East championship meet meet Saturday.

"Like many years, the Big East is again one of the most competitive conferences in the country for women's cross country," Irish women’s coach Tim Connelly said. "It obvious­ly will be a huge challenge for us to compete well against great competition and have the chance to beat some of the top teams in the country."

The Big East championship meet holds much importance in comparison with the rest of the season, as an exceptional performance is necessary to be a competitive team at the NCAA regional meet in mid-November.

"I hope that we can run signifi­cantly better than we have at the pre-national meet and at the Notre Dame Invitational if we're going to take a team to the region meet," Irish men's coach Joe Plano said. "Anyone can go to the region meet, but I won't see a need to take the team to the regional meet if they're not going to be competitive."

The Irish women's team is ranked 30th in the country and expects to see tough com­petition from Villanova, West Virginia, Georgetown, Syracuse and Providence who all sit ahead of them in the national rankings.

In the men's competition, Georgetown, Syracuse, Providence, Louisville and Villanova all boast top-20 national rankings and will be pushing the men's team to run harder this weekend.

To prepare themselves for the conference event, the teams held difficult practices during the mid-semester break.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Teams travel to run in championship meet

By MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writer

The men’s team has made some changes to the type of preparation they will be doing before the conference champi­onships.

"We’ve done a lot of distance training," Pianc said. "We’re trying to do things a little more up-tempo than we have in the past and have intro­duced speed into our training."

One challenge the teams are both facing going into the Big East championship meet is the struggle with staying healthy.

"Many of our runners have battled the cold and flu illnesses that have been widespread on campus this fall," Connelly said. "We’re hoping that everyone will be able to line up healthy on Saturday."”

At the team’s last event, the pre-national meet where the men placed 12th of 35 teams, and the women finished ninth of 37. Each team hopes to improve on those placements to be able to have a competi­tive team at the Great Lakes Regional meet and be able to send as many runners as possible to the upcoming NCAA championship meet.

"We have yet to have a race where we felt that all five scorers ran as well as they possibly could, so we are looking for that this weekend," Connelly said.

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Boston, where they defeated defending champions No. 3 Boston University 3-0. Notre Dame has lost its last six games and was defeated by No. 14 Boston College 3-2.

Last season the Irish won both the regular season and postseason CCHA crowns, and they hope to continue their suc­cess, instead of replicating the up-and-down pattern of late.

"In the CCHA, once you start your conference schedule, games get even more intense because you are playing for points," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Our conference is going to be really challenging this year, more than I can remember.

Ohio State, selected to finish fourth in the preseason CCHA rankings, began its CCHA slate with a weekend split against Lake Superior State.

"They are a tough, gritty team, definitely play a physical game. They have some com­pete very hard, and return some very good players," Jackson said. "Their goaltending will be tough to get some pucks by, and we've had trouble scoring this year so we have to get a lot of things going.

The Irish have indeed had trouble scoring consistently six games into this season. Whereas in the team's first three games last season Notre Dame scored 12 goals, the Irish have only netted 14 shots in twice as many contests this season.

"Until we get the guys playing the way they need to play we'll make changes," Jackson said.

"If we hadn't lost [those games] early in the year, it would put us in a position not to have to win the tournament," he said. "But a couple of the other top teams in the country have lost recently so we are in good position to move up into the top-five if we can win this tournament. But if we lose we might slip in the rankings and possibly have to go on the road in the early rounds of the NCAAs.

The Bulls are one of four Big East teams the Irish have yet to face this season. Last season, Notre Dame knocked off Florida 3-0.

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6 North Carolina and No. 14 South Carolina, the Irish have been outstanding, allowing just four goals in the 12 matches since their last loss.

"For the most part, I've been pleased with the way we've played towards the end of the season," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Everyone in the team we faced last weekend is a very talented player. They are very similar to the Big East teams we'll face this season.

According to Waldrum, the most important goal of this com­ing week will be to get his play­ers healthy.

"This being, the Big East tournament just isn't as big a deal as saving our players for the NCAA tournament," he said.

Several Irish players have missed playing time over the past few weeks due to injury. Senior for­ward Michele Weissenhofer has missed time with a ham­string injury, while sophomore forward Melissa Henderson, the team's leading scorer, just returned from a two-game absence with a torn ACL. Irish forward Michele Weissenhofer, the team's leading scorer, just returned from a two-game absence with a torn ACL.

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"Until I find that one missing ingredient to get the power play really effective, or to make sure we have three lines that could potentially score, I don't like making changes all the time, but until we start execut­ing the way we need to do things, I'm not going to worry about it back."

"Some very good players. I know they are very talented, and were healthy."

"When the Notre Dame offense works to find the back of the net with the puck, the mainstay of the Irish defense remains cloudy. Junior goalie Brad Phillips began the season as the Irish starter, but after an opening night 3-2 defeat, sen­ior Tom O'Brien took his place in the net. Since then, Phillips has had three more starts, and freshman Mike Johnson has started one, a complete game shutout of Providence. Thursday Jackson said he did not yet know whom he would start against the Buckeyes.

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HOCKEY

Seeing double

Irish host Buckeyes for two-game homestand

By DOUG FARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

The defending CCHA champions will open their season with two games against Ohio State (2-4-0, 1-0-0 CCHA) this weekend. No. 8 Notre Dame (3-3-0) hosts the Buckeyes today at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 5:05 p.m.

"It is going to be good to get the Friday, Saturday games going again, playing in the conference," senior captain Ryan Thang said. "Get back to the type of playing style the CCHA is known for. None of the teams we have played are very different, so it's good to be back."

The Irish opened the season with weekend splits against Alabama-Huntsville and Providence before traveling to

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team faces USF in Big East battle

By ALEX BARKER
Assistant Sports Editor

After rattling off six consecutive victories to end the regular season, the Irish will begin postseason play when they host South Florida in the quarterfinal round of the Big East tournament Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame (14-3-1, 10-0-1 Big East) earned a bye in the first round of the tournament after clinching the regular league title with an unbeaten record. The No. 5 Irish are riding an NCAA record 63-match unbeaten streak.

Since opening the season with tough non-conference losses against top-ranked Stanford, No. 8 Notre Dame has dominated Big East competition.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Showdown with Huskies to determine conference champ

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Four days after enduring one of their toughest losses of the season, the Irish have to turn around and prepare for perhaps their most important match of the season.

Notre Dame (9-7-1, 7-3-0 Big East) will conclude its regular season against No. 8 Connecticut (10-2-3, 7-1-1) Saturday at 2 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. In a conference showdown at the top of the division, give the Irish a shot at the Big East regular season title.

If Notre Dame wins and the Huskies lose or tie Monday against Marquette, the Irish will capture their third straight Big East title.

"I think the players will be fired up with the chance of winning their third straight title," ninth-year Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It is always nice to get a trophy in the cabinet early."

Notre Dame is coming off a rough, 2-1 loss against Michigan State. A win would have meant a crucial non-conference victory for a team trying to build its NCAA Tournament résumé. The loss dropped the Irish to a disappointing 2-4-1 record in non-conference matches.

In addition, Notre Dame will be looking to finalize its goalie-keeper rotation before making a postseason run. Senior Andrew Quinn started for the Irish against the Spartans, giving up two goals on just two shots on goal in the loss.

"Quinn has a 3-4-1 record on the season, allowing an average of 1.23 goals against. Follow senior Philip Tuttle will start against Connecticut, carrying a 6-3-0 record with four shutouts alongside his 0.65 goals against average. Tuttle had more success this season, Clark said.

While Tuttle has had more success this season, Clark remained non-committal regarding favoring one goalkeeper over the other when the team tries to make a postseason run.

"Tuttle will play against Connecticut as per our rotation," Clark said. "After that, we will assess the situation for the playoffs. We will not cross any bridges before we need to." Tuttle will start against Connecticut.

The Huskies come into Saturday's match in first place in the Big East Blue Division, ahead of second-place Notre Dame. The Irish will have to keep their high-powered offense in top gear against senior Connecticut goalkeeper Josh Ford, who carries an outstanding 0.44 goals against average with a .783 save percentage while starting every game for the Huskies. Ford also boasts 11 shutouts on the season.

You can't wish for anything more than being your last regular season match for the blood title against the conference contender," Clark said.

"Everyone should be excited," Clark said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND hosts Lewis for exhibition

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

New season, new arena for the Irish.

Notre Dame opens the renovated Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center Sunday in an exhibition match-up against Lewis University.

The Irish finished last season 21-15 (8-10 Big East) and beat Rutgers in the Big East tournament before falling to West Virginia. They made it to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) semifinals but lost to Penn State.

Notre Dame will need to make up for the loss of guards Kyle McKinney and Ryan Ayers as well as forwards Zach

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ND MEN'S GOLF

Squad boasts top seed in tourney

By DOUG FARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame only has two days of competition scheduled over the next three months, and those two days are Saturday and Sunday at the Pine Needles Golf Course in North Carolina for "The Match Play" tournament. All but one Big East team will be competing.

"The Irish will have the No. 1 seed in the tournament," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "But it has been up-and-down this fall if we do things we are supposed to do, I think it'll turn out well for us."

When Kubinski described this fall as "up-and-down," he was referring to Notre Dame's strong start capped off by a first-place finish at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 6. Since then, the Irish have finished 11th out of 13 and 15th out of 15 at The Prestige at PGA West and the UNGC Bridgestone Collegiate Championship, respectively.

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Beating the Curve

Mental improvements have taken Armando Allen’s game to the next level.
ND in dire need of dominant showing

When it comes to the 2009 Irish, it’s the journey, not the destination. My hat’s off to the team, which has been a source of pride and inspiration for Notre Dame fans to cringe, considering the Irish don’t rank in the nation’s top half in pass defense or scoring defense. But would you say this is Notre Dame’s most dominant showing?

It has been, if you measure Dominance by number of wins and the Irish have gotten there. And Co. have gotten there. But isn’t that why we watch games into the fourth quarter’s final minutes for the Irish to play their best football, week in and week out.

Seven games into the season, it appears this is Notredame’s year. We’ll see all year. But if we’ve learned anything about this Irish team, it’s to expect the unexpected.

In this respect, Notre Dame’s season has gone as expected? This is Notre Dame season as expected? That’s how it’s been maddening before.

That thought should cause more Notre Dame fans to cringe, considering the Irish don’t rank in the nation’s top half in pass defense or scoring defense (64th). Sorry, I couldn’t resist. But anyway, the Irish will enter the Alamodome (64th).

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Mind game

Junior Armando Allen has become a smarter — and better — running back

By BILL BRINK Special Writer

When the Irish coaches told Armando Allen and Golden Tate in the spring that the team would install plays from the Wildcat formation, Allen and Tate looked at each other and laughed.

"Like, 'Are we really doing this or is it a joke?'" Allen said. "But when we looked at the playbook, there it was, the Wildcat."

That's one new role for Allen. He's filled others this season, too, evolving from a shifty scat back his freshman year to a powerful yet explo­sive runner who averages 4.9 yards per carry this season. Aside from physical improve­ments and running backs coach Tony Alford's practice techniques, which contributed to his play, Allen's improve­ments came in the surreal­ly Notre Dame fashion: he got smarter.

"In high school the plays aren't as difficult as they are in college," he said. "You play the game but you don't un­derstand the game. I think un­derstanding the game helped me out as a running back." Learning curve

Allen rushed for 1,095 yards this season and 12 touchdowns as a junior at Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School in Hialeah, Fla., even though he missed three games because of injury. In the pre­season before his senior sea­son, he broke his fibula and missed the season.

Allen watched tape of games of himself in previous seasons and realized that since the broken leg he was leaving his knees low, making it all the easier for defenders to tackle him. This offseason, he ran stairs to improve his knee drive. He also gained 10 pounds without losing speed.

"I think that's a tribute to him as a young guy who wants to get better," Alford said. "He wants to do things right. He's his own worst critic." Alford wants big plays out of his running backs, he said, and he said he'll be needing some monsters, not 12-yarders. Allen has been on the cusp of breaking away a few times this season when the last man in his way snagged an ankle as he flew by, and Alford said the solution is simple.

"Pick your feet up," he said. "It's not rocket science. Pick your feet up."

And Alford has stressed that principle in practice.

"We've worked on that a lot. They have a lot of drills now that requires us to pick our feet up or we'll fall," Allen said. "We've done a pretty good job at it in practice we just have to translate it over to the game."

Physical training, how­ever, won't suffice. To suc­cess­fully imple­ment the skills acquired in practice, Allen said he needed to learn how the defender would attack him.

"If you know a person the only way they can bring you down is by grabbing your feet, then automatically your mind's thinking pick your feet up," he said.

Getting inside the defender's head helped him elsewhere as well.

"I'm not just getting the ball running left and right, I understand where this ball should go and the type of things my defenders would try to do to bring me down," he said. "It helped me out as a runner."

Spring training

The Irish averaged 3.3 yards per carry last season, and critics of the program made sure they knew it. Allen took it to heart.

"We understand that part that we have a lot of talent, but from the outside looking in nobody really knows how much talent that we have," he said.

Allen took it upon himself to display that talent. He asked Alford for tips to work on dur­ing the spring and summer.

"I said here are some things we need to work on and he took that to heart. It wasn't something magical that I did," Alford said. "The kid wants to be good. He was asking, 'Hey, what can I do better? What can I improve on?'

That improvement is evident. In six games, he's rushed for 545 yards and three touch­downs, good for 85.7 yards per game. Last year, he rushed for 545 yards all season, an average of 45 per game.

Like any smart running back, he's got his offensive line's back. Slick of hearing the criticism for how the linemen could n't block when he saw them working hard every day, he buckled down to prove that they could.

"When I see those guys working hard every day," he said, "whether it's in the weight room or on the field, we kind of take that to heart too."

The Wildcat formation helped improve the look of the running game, which is aver­aging 3.7 yards per carry this season. Despite Allen and Tate's doubts, the Wildcat was real. Once they started run­ning the plays in practice and picked up good yardage, the team started taking it serious­ly.

It also started a debate between Allen and Tate as to who got the glamorous posi­tion.

"I think when you're the Wildcat guy you're kind of like the quarterback," said Allen, slow­ly smiling. "That was the big debate."

Catching a snooze

That's Allen's hobby. He sleeps whenever he can because of how tough Notre Dame practices are.

"Whether it's 10 minutes or 20 minutes, you can always catch me trying to get a nap," he said.

Outside of football, Allen focuses on his family. He checks in with his parents and brothers often. He said he's humble by nature: "When asked about individual goals against Washington State, which is currently 114th against the run and allows 215 rushing yards per game, he demurred.

He also de­murred when asked about his biggest weak­ness — he hemmed and hawed for a minute, then, "Can we come back to that one?"

Again, Allen is smart. He referred to Washington State as a "trap game" despite its 1-6 record. He knows that on the road — or at home, as the case may be — anything can happen.

"It really doesn't matter where we play," he said. "We could play in the street. We play at our field, their field, just going out there and being focused and understanding the importance of no matter who we play, we're playing the football game."

A leg full of problems

Allen's had bad luck with injuries since high school. He broke his wrist in the first game of his freshman year and missed half the season. He missed the three games in his junior season and his entire senior season.

This year, he's struggled to stay healthy while battling ankle, knee and thigh injuries.

His ankle has bothered him all season and kept him out of the Purdue game. Against Boston College, he took a helm­et to the side of the left knee that knocked him out of the game, but coach Charlie Weis said it was still his ankle, not the knee, which currently bothers him.

Allen wasn't too optimistic about his h e a n c h e s a g a i n s t W a s h i n g t o n State this weekend.

"I'm just going with it day by day," he said. "I show up to practice every day like I normally would and see how that goes, see what they allow me to do."

He called himself day to day. If there's a week where he might get some time off, this is it, because edge-of-the-seat victories notwithstanding, Notre Dame is expected to pile up a big lead against Washington State Allen wouldn't be happy with that, but he has faith in his coworkers in the backfield.

"There's never a week where I'm okay with not playing but I also know that if that was the case we have great athletes to get the job done," he said. "A smart response from the smarter running back."

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish
Record: 5-2
AP: 25 Coaches: 25
5th season at Notre Dame
career record: 34-23 at neutral site: 3-2 against WSU: 0-0

2009 Schedule
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Sept. 12 @ Michigan — L
Sept. 19 Michigan St. — W
Sept. 26 @ Purdue — W
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Irish Offense vs. Cougars Defense

Jimmy Clausen and Golden Tate have been two of the best players in the nation regardless of position, and should lead the Notre Dame passing game to a huge day. Robby Parris appears to be out for the game so it will be interesting to see if another young receiver will take advantage of the opportunity.

The Irish also should have great protection against the pass rush, as the Cougars have just seven sacks all year. This should be a great recovery game for a pass blocking unit that struggled at times against USC and Boston College. With time to throw and weaknesses in the secondary, Clausen should have a field day.

Washington State's pass defense is abysmal, allowing an average of 284 yards per game. The Cougars do have eight interceptions, but have been picked apart by quarterbacks far less talented than Clausen.

This should be a huge mismatch for the Irish, hopefully leading to some Dayne Crist throws in the second half.

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ND PASSING

Despite nagging injuries Armando Allen ran the ball very well against Boston College and should be in for another big games in San Antonio. Robert Hughes also should be fine after taking a big hit to the head on a goal-line carry last weekend.

When healthy the running attack has been one of the biggest improvements of this Notre Dame team. The Cougars have given up 215 yards rushing per game, so there should be open running lanes for Allen and Hughes to run through. The Wildcat could be an effective chippie but may not be necessary if the Irish offense is rolling.

Washington State's top tacklers are all in their secondary, a familiar problem for the Irish. Even worse, the Cougars will have to be wary of play-action with weapons like Tate and Rudolph, and will not be able to help in run support.

The Cougars will have to choose to key on the run or pass, and the pass seems more likely with Clausen under center. If that's the case, it could be a career day for Allen and Hughes.

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ND RUSHING

As a freshman Nick Tausch has been everything most recent Irish kickers have not been — accurate and consistent.

For the first time in the Weis era there is a dependable leg around to put three points on the board.

Ben Turk struggled against Boston College and Eric Maust should get some punts against the Cougars.

Theo Riddick and Barry Gallup continue to do a solid job returning kickoffs, and Golden Tate had a nice punt return against the Eagles.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

Finally, a week where Jimmy Clausen can prop his turf toe up during the fourth quarter, where Armando Allen can nurse his sore ankle and where the defense doesn't have to intercept a pass to seal a game. Say what you want about the pass defense or the playcalling but it won't matter because Clausen has to be salivating over this match-up. So, by the way, are Dayne Crist, Jonas Gray and John Goodman, who will see lots of second-half snaps after Clausen, Golden Tate and Kyle Rudolph blast open a big hole. The one statement that can be made in this game must come from the defense, who has a chance to dominate an opponent like they haven't done since Nevada.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, Washington State 10

Charlie Weis has the luxury of being able to lean heavily on the running or passing game against a porous Washington State defense. It will be interesting to see if Weis looks to establish the run early or spreads out the Cougars and puts up points quickly.

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True freshaman Jeff Tuel will get the start at quarterback for Washington State over Marshall Lobbestael, who struggled early in the season. The Cougars have put up decent pass numbers, but much of that can be attributed to throwing the ball often while playing from behind. The two have combined to throw ten interceptions, and have not received much help from their offensive line. Washington State is dead last in the nation in sacks allowed per game, giving up 35 through seven games.

The Irish secondary is vulnerable though, giving up 330 yards through the air to Matt Barkley and USC and letting Boston College convert many long third downs. Communication errors have hurt this unit and Notre Dame has been unable to stop opponents on obvious passing downs without bringing extra blitzers. The secondary needs to tighten up its coverage against the Cougars.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

On the other side, the Washington State rushing offense has been virtually nonexistent, averaging just 72 yards per game. Redshirt sophomore Logwone Mitzi will get the start in San Antonio, but Dwight Tardy should also play several series. The Cougars have not run the ball often since they’ve been trailing almost every game, but have only averaged 2.2 yards per carry when they have.

Darius Fleming and the lineboring corps have improved their tackling in recent games and relieved some of the pressure on the secondary to assist in run support.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

This game should be a lote of treat without much trick for Notre Dame, right? It’d be nice if, for once, it could be that easy. I think this is a case where the Irish are just too much better than the Cougars, and despite Notre Dame’s best efforts to play subpar teams down to the wire, Washington State just isn’t good enough to hang around for long. I’d like to see Clausen, Allen and Tate all get their numbers and then get out — go enjoy some Halloween candy on the sideline — don’t get hurt. Even moreso, I’d like to see the defense show the potential to shut down an offense and shut the door on any thoughts of an upset early by coming up with turnovers that will kill Washington State’s morale.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45, Washington State 13

It could get interesting if the Irish decide to make this one another nail-biter. Fortunately, that really shouldn’t be the case. Even though they’ve had trouble with freshmen quarterbacks this season, expect the Irish defense to contain, if not completely shut down, Jeff Tuel and the Washington State offense. On the other side of the ball, a balanced attack will lead Notre Dame to a big early advantage. A finally healthy Armando Allen should have a big day on the ground, and, most importantly, Notre Dame will finally face a pass defense even worse than its own. Jimmy Clausen — and hopefully Dayone Crist — should have a big day as the Irish win handily.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 42, Washington State 10

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Freshman QB Tuel gives Cougars hope for future success

By SAM WERNER
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To say things haven't been going well for Washington State this season may be a bit of an understatement. The Cougars are 1-6 and haven't looked any better than last season's 2-10 campaign.

The lone bright spot, though, may be the play of freshman quarterback Jeff Tuel.

"[Tuel's progress] is good," Washington State coach Paul Wulff said in a press conference after the Cougars' 49-17 loss to California Oct. 24. "I think he is on a good pace. He needs the help around him. The receivers are young and the O-line is young, but all the parts need to do their job. The other 10 guys need to do their job, and he is only going to get better."

The Cougars began the season with an apparent position battle between senior Kevin Lopina and sophomore Marshall Lobbestael, but both were ineffective in Washington State's first three games before Tuel entered the picture.

Tuel made his debut in Washington State's 27-6 loss to USC. Since then, he has thrown for 662 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions.

"Obviously for an 18-year old playing his first football game he did a great job," Wulff said in a press conference after the game. "He showed great poise. There were some mistakes but he did a nice job of not forcing throws or eating the ball or just taking off and running. He showed a lot out there."

After a promising first game against the Trojans, Tuel suffered a hip pointer against Oregon in his first collegiate start. The injury knocked him out for the rest of the game against the Ducks, but the freshman returned next week to lead the Cougars against Arizona State.

Even though the Cougars lost that game 27-14, Tuel's progression continued. Last week, against Cal, Tuel had his most impressive game to date, passing for 354 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions.

"Tuel can actually get it done," Wulff said in a press conference after the game. "Our protection has not been great. At times when we have had good protection we have been successful; when we didn't, it broke down. We have so many young guys playing at receiver they just haven't been working together long enough. They have been together three or four months. As we mature we are going to get a lot better."

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Defense hopes position changes are answer

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After weeks of struggling in pass coverage that concluded with 330 yards through the air for Matt Barkley and USC, the Notre Dame secondary needed some changes.

Beginning with the Boston College game and leading into this week’s game against Washington State in San Antonio, the Irish made personnel changes on the depth chart.

Junior Harrison Smith, who had been the starter at free safety, moved down to outside linebacker and also played as a nickel back primarily used against the Eagles.

Senior Sergio Brown has taken over the starting job at free safety.

DEFENSIVE coordinator Jon Tenuta said the change benefited both Brown and Smith.

"He’s had some good production in the secondary, it’s just that his confidence has gotten a little bit shaken, so we moved him down into a comfort zone to regain his confidence," Tenuta said.

Following the Boston College game, Smith was listed as a co-starter at the Sam linebacker position with Darius Fleming, who has frequently moved to defensive end in nickel packages.

Smith said his experience last season at outside linebacker made the move an easy transition. "I’ve been there before. I mean I played safety the first half of this year, but I’m using last year’s experience," Smith said. "You do a lot of the same stuff and you blitz a lot, so it’s not too different."

Smith said he was comfortable with the change and could rotate between positions.

"At this point, wherever the coaches want me to play is where I’m going to play, so I’m fine with that."

With Smith moving to linebacker for the foreseeable future, senior Sergio Brown has taken over the starting job at free safety.

Brown had been primarily used as a nickel back in coverage and blitzing off the edge. "[Harrison Smith] sort of flip-flopped with Sergio," Weis said.

"With Sergio going back into his positions and Harrison going down there working at Sam along with Darius and those other guys."

Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta said the change benefitted both Brown and Smith.

"Harrison, the first time he got in there he knocked the ball loose. The guy’s a tremendous athlete and I’m going to use him more and more because he’s an outstanding blitzer," Tenuta said. "Sergio did a good job, he’s been the nickel for us from two years and playing in space so the alignment is a little different at times, but he did a good job."

Brown had four tackles, a forced fumble and a pass breakup against the Eagles.

Also seeing significant time at free safety was sophomore Jamoris Slaughter, who came in at times for Brown.

"Jamoris is a guy that we’re going to cross train and cross rotate between positions early in his career," Smith said.

"I think Gary has played more because he was the one guy that really that as he started to get some time has been really competing for the ball," Weis said. "I think that one of the areas that, you know, I’ve been saying we need to be competing for the ball and Gary’s been competing for it."

With the Irish currently 11-7 in the nation in pass defense and allowing 282 yards per game, Tenuta and the Notre Dame secondary hope the changes show results.

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