Campus shocked after Navy’s upset
By SAM STRYKER
News Writer
For the second straight time the Notre Dame football team lost at home to Navy, and students predictably took the loss hard, especially with the possibility of an at-large BCS bid all but evaporating.
"It was possibly one of the most depressing games I have ever seen," senior Alex Tomala said.
Graduate student David Moors said he — like many students — was not expecting such a close game, or a Notre Dame loss.
"I thought we could run the table," he said.
While this was not the first home loss for the Irish this year, students were shocked a ranked Notre Dame team fell to unranked Navy.
"It’s harder losing to a team that you are closer to in skill as opposed to the USC game," freshman Jaimee Morrison said.
Other students said they felt disappointment that a seemingly overmatched Navy team was able to defeat Notre Dame.
"I was really excited for my first Navy game at home but..."
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Mendoza business competition offers $40K
By CASEY KENNY
News Writer
The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the Mendoza College of Business has invited students to submit business plans and compete for a total of $40,000 in prize money as part of its annual Business Plan Competition.
"The Business Plan Competition is one of Mendoza’s biggest events of the year," Karen Sleggert, the Gigot Center program manager, said. "It is a great educational opportunity to test entrepreneurial skills and have some fun."
The Competition features two categories, according to the Gigot Center’s Web site. The McCloskey Business Plan Competition "focuses on ventures that have not yet been launched or are in the earliest stages of launch," while the Social Venture Plan Competition "fosters a spirit of collaboration between business and social ventures — business plans with a social and/or environmental mission/purpose."
These two categories of the Competition are in their
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GreeND stands still to advocate change
By JILLIAN STICHCOMB
News Writer
While most students were beginning to tailgate for the Navy game, members of GreeND gathered early Saturday morning for a "Climate Change Flash Mob," where students posed in various positions for five minutes to help raise awareness about environmental issues.
"The goal of the event was to make people more
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Former ACE interns tackle new challenges
By NORA KENNEY
News Writer
Last year, as seniors, five Notre Dame students worked as interns for the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, appearing at recruitment events and communicating with peers about the program.
This year, they are each still part of the ACE program — but their job descriptions, and everyday lives, have taken on some big changes.
The mission of the ACE program is to offer college graduates the opportunity to serve as full-time teachers in under-resourced Catholic schools across the United States. So this year, rather than waking up to go to class and stop by the ACE office to work, the former interns wake up to face a classroom full of students.
"Living ACE’s mission of bringing energy and life to an under-resourced Catholic school has been full of difficulty, heartache, and joy," Kevin Veselik, who is teaching fifth grade in Harlingen, Tex., said. "It has been one of the most challenging and one of the best experiences of my life."
Julie Garcia, who is teaching second grade in Prairie Village, Kan., said being a teacher is
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Navy formal returns after hiatus
By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer
For the first time since 2002, the women of Saint Mary’s hosted the men of the Naval Academy at a Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored Navy-Saint Mary’s formal.
The dance was originally held in order to allow the Saint Mary’s students to meet new people, however, the ball became a tradition after several consecutive years.
The Navy—Saint Mary’s formal was traditionally held each year when Navy came to Notre Dame to play football and was
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GreeND holds the flash mob for environmental awareness. Students started out outside the Hesburgh Library and ended in front of the Main Quad.
photo courtesy of Teresa Cristarella
Postponing panic

Throughout the course of the past few weeks, I’ve found that I have become more tense. I have no time to relax, and I can often be seen running around campus like a chicken with its head cut off. My lack of time for stems from my overindulgence in a variety of activities that keep me bouncing back and forth around campus like an erratic ping-pong ball. Not to mention the fact that I have 18 credit hours on top of all that.

Homework, therefore, takes a backseat. The stack of homework that I am behind on is beginning to resemble the Sears Tower. As my books keep piling to the corner of my room, I am scurrying from one event to the next, in hopes that maybe around midnight I can finally catch my breath.

Well midnight comes and goes and here I am in the wee hours of the morning trying to catch up on that never-ending accumulation of homework. And finally, I hit the point where I just don’t care anymore. That’s when the procrastination starts.

I begin by logging onto my computer. It starts out innocently enough. I open a book and Microsoft Word and start to type my homework, the keys clacking rhythmically. My mind begins to form a beat to the keyboard, and I open iTunes. It’s about all the downhomeliness from there.

After iTunes is open, I begin to surf the web. I check out Facebook, stalk a few people whose lives I find particularly interesting, and read everyone’s status updates. I check my e-mail multiple times, and then I turn to Google. There I surf the gaming Web sites in hope to find a new addiction to satiate my craving for a little fun. After playing a few rounds of Yahtzee, Bloons Tower Defense Four or some other game online, I move to another Web site, a new personal favorite, Sporcle.

I open a few quizzes and play for a while, until I find one that leads me to my next endeavor. For instance, last week I found a Sporcle quiz that was about The Oregon Trail, a popular video game when I was about 12. My interest peaks, and I begin to play. After investing over an hour of my time and traveling over halfway across America, I discover that all of my companions were either dead or had not arrived, but the discovering of this fabulous game online for free. I find it, and begin to play. And then, I hit the point where I just don’t care anymore.

After the frustrations have ensued, I return to my homework. The relaxation is over. Though I’m putting off my homework by wasting time online, I’ve found that the small amount of time I spend doing something completely worthless has saved my sanity. Without my procrastination, my tension would consume me, and I’d find myself in a state of total and complete panic. Instead, I’m postponing my worries until tomorrow, when I’ll catch up on that homework because, after all, I can always do it later.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Kevin Veselik, current ACE 16 teacher and 2008-2009 ACE Intern, is held up by his ACE teacher. Yet Mooney laughs it off, identifying himself as a sophomore at the high school being mistaken for a freshman. It has been downright humorous.

“I was a new teacher,” he said. “All teaching is service,” she said. Jessica Stouffer, who other ACE teachers at their site. Laura Wilczek, who teaches sixth through eighth grade literature, overwhelmingly said their faith is a major component of their new lives.

“After a long day of teaching, coaching, grading and planning lessons, I find one of the best ways to center myself is through prayer,” Jeffery Jacob said. “Nearly every aspect of our current music majors are freshman.”

“Nearly half of our current students applying to graduate school have contributed least to the issue that’s greater than any other,” he said. “No matter what their major is, in this economy, everyone is probably a little worried about finding a job.”

Saint Mary’s music students will continue to succeed. Jacob said he was also not worried about his students trying to find jobs after graduating. He said that program alumnae go into many different fields but they all do well, whether they continue in music or enter different fields. He is confident that the Saint Mary’s music students will continue to succeed. Our graduates go into a variety of vocations. Jacob said. “But they all find a good job within a year or two of leaving Saint Mary’s.”

GreeND is lucky to have a good network of people to rely on,” she said. “My goal was to see a great student leader [Brosnihan] run with an idea she had. “While some of our current students are worried about finding a job, everyone is probably a little worried about finding a job.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Brazil student expelled for mini-dress

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A Brazilian university expelled a woman who was heckled by hun-
dreds of fellow students for wearing a short, pink dress to class — publicly accusing her of Sunday’s immorality.

The private Bandeirante University in Sao Bernardo do Campo, outside Sao Paulo, said 20-year-old Geisy Arruda disrespected “ethical principles, public decency, and morality.”

Bandeirante University published newspa-
per advertisements Sunday accusing Arruda of attempting to seduce students and having a provocative attitude that was “incom-
patible with the university environment.”

Karzai pledges to end corruption

KABUL, Afghanistan — Karzai pledged Sunday that there would be no place for corrupt officials in his new administration — a demand made by Washington and its interna-
tional partners as they ponder sending more troops to confront the Taliban and shore up his government.

Also Sunday, NATO reported three more coalition soldiers — one American and two Britons — died in conflict with the Taliban in western and southern areas. The latest losses pushed Britain’s combat death toll in the eight-year Afghan war to 201.

NATO forces said they were still searching for two American paratroopers who disappeared Wednesday while trying to recover airdropped supplies that had fallen into a river. Afghan police said the two Americans were swept away by the current and may have drowned.

LOCAL NEWS

Lake County retirement plan draws few

CROWN POINT — Fewer than 20 full-time Lake County employees have applied for an early retirement package despite the county’s threat to return to her seventh-grade class.

unobtrusive stud in her nose, and Suzannah — who noted that nose piercing is an Indian tradition — was briefly suspended last month from her public school in Bountiful, Utah, for a dress-code violation worthy of a sus-

NATIONAL NEWS


U.S. may expand drug treatment

America redirects its attack on drugs in response to therapeutic needs and the economic crisis

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Based on the rhetoric, America’s war on drugs seems poised to shift into a more enlightened phase where treatment of addicts gains favor over the imprisonment of low-level offenders. Questions abound, however, about the nation’s readiness to turn the talk into real change.

The economic case for expanding treatment, es-

NATIONAL NEWS

St. Hood shooter tied to 9/11 hijackers

WASHINGTON — The alleged Fort Hood shooter apparently attended the same Virginia high school as two Sept. 11 hijackers in 2001, at a time when a radical imam was preaching there.

Whether the Fort Hood shooter associated with the hijackers is something the FBI will probably look into, according to a law enforce-
ment official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The family of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the Army psychiatrist who killed 13 and wounded

50s of clients who enter treatment com-
mplete it successfully — that means we’re losing half,” said Raquel Jileffers, director of New Jersey’s Division of Addiction Services. “We can do better.”

The appointment of treat-

ent expert Tom McLellan as deputy director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy — in April was seen as part of a shift of priorities for the drug czar’s office.

McLellan said he sees greater openness to expand-
ing treatment but also deep misunderstanding and ignorance about scientific advances in the field and the need to integrate it into the health care system.

Most Americans, he sug-
gested, have an image of drug treatment formed from the movies — “cartoon treat-
ment” involving emotional group encounters — and are unaware of a new wave of medications and other ther-

tory when they don’t put their medica-

money when they don’t put their where their mouth where their mouth is.”

Money aside, the treat-
ment field faces multiple challenges. At many pro-
grams, counselors — often former addicts themselves — are low-paid and turnover is high. Many stall patients have yet to see the effective systems for evaluat-
ing programs, a crucial issue in a field where success is relative and relapses inevitable.

“Fifty percent of clients who enter treatment com-

GERMANY

Berlin celebrates 20 years after wall’s fall

Associated Press

BERLIN — With concerts and memorials on Monday, Germans will celebrate the day the Berlin Wall came down, opening up the passage from two nations to one.

On that cold night, they danced atop the wall, arms raised in victory, tears and hands clasped in friendship and giddy hope. Years of separation and anxiety melted into the umbrella of world freedom and a future without border guards, secret police, informers and rigid community control.

Germans are celebrating with con-
certs honoring Beethoven and Bon

Jovi, a memorial service for the 136

people killed trying to cross over from 1961 to 1989, candle lightings and 1,000 towering plastic foam domes to be placed along the wall’s route and tipped over.

On Nov. 9, 1989, East Germans came in droves, riding their sputter-
ing Trabantas, motorcycles and rickety bicycles. Hundreds, then thousands, then hundreds of thousands crossed over the following days.

Stores in West Berlin stayed open late and banks gave out 100 Deutschmarks in “welcome money,” then worth about $50, to each East German visitor.

The party lasted four days and by Nov. 12 more than 3 million of East Germany’s 16.6 million people had visited, nearly a third of them to West Berlin, the rest through gates opening up along the rest of the fenced, mined frontier that cut their country in two.

Sections of the nearly 155 kilome-
ters (100 miles) of wall were pulled down and knocked over. Tourists chiseled off chunks to keep as sou-
venirs. Tearful families reunited. Bars gave out free drinks. Strangers kissed and toasted each other with champagne.

Klaus-Hubert Fugger, a student at the Free University in West Berlin, said his agency wants states to develop better measure-
ments of programs’ perfor-
mance.

“The data shows treat-
ment saves money — $1 spent to $4 or $7 saved,” Clark said. “If you’re an altruist, making treatment available is a good thing. If you’re a narcissist, it’s a good thing — you’d pay less in taxes.”

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sponsored by the junior class, Meghan Helme, a junior class president, said.

“This dance is a way for Saint Mary’s to reconnect with the Naval Academy,” she said. “It is also a big step back to our student body.”

Helme said she started working with the Naval Academy back in September to reinstate the dance.

“We are able to host this event and not charge a student entrance fee,” she said. “This is meant to be a fun activity for the whole student body to enjoy.”

Students said they enjoyed the dance, and look forward to attending in the future. “The Navy boys were great dancers. A lot of them were really willing to ask girls to dance. They were also very polite,” first year Sarah Korbonits said. “I would definitely go again. I think Saint Mary’s should make this a tradition. The thing that made it so great was the enthusiasm about being at Saint Mary’s, which made it even more special.”

Korbonits said the atmosphere was conducive to a pleasant evening. “This dance was a lot of the classic old songs that people like to dance to as well as the new popular songs,” she said.

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The deadline for submissions to the Competition is November 2, and more information can be found at www.nd.edu/~entrep/

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Saint Mary’s first year Teresa Cristarella poses with two Naval Academy cadets at the Naval-Saint Mary’s formal Saturday night.

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10th and ninth years, respectively.

The competition has seen many students develop to be quite successful,” Staggert said. “Better understandings of background and expectations have developed into something of great impact.”

The Business Plan Competition is open to anyone, but each team must have at least one member who is either a full-time Notre Dame student or an alumnus.

In an attempt to draw entrepreneurs from a broad range of backgrounds, Facebook is being used to facilitate networking, the Gigt Center recently created Teambox on Facebook to enable potential competitors to post and find team members with desired skills and interests.

“We really want to get the word out about the competition because some of the best ideas might come from outside of Mendoza — from engineers, liberal arts students and others,” Staggert said.

Senior Andy Stevens, an international business and political science double major, is entering this year’s McCloskey category with his venture, Weekend Student Adventures in Europe, which offers weekend tour packages to American students studying in Europe.

“The Competition has given me the opportunity to meet with advisors, flush out my idea and develop it to the point of actually pursuing it after I graduate this May,” Stevens said. “It has really opened my eyes to the business world.”

Many teams hope to make an impact in the world with their proposed ventures.

“We are entering the Social Venture Competition with our venture Response, Inc., because we believe we can make a difference in the lives of orphans in Uganda and students here in the states,” senior Michelle Carlise, team leader of Response Inc., said.

Carlise said Response would focus on addressing the needs of orphans in Uganda through business.

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ended up really disappointed,” freshman Ashley Okonta said.

“I expected a blowout,” freshman Louise Fauth said the team’s failure to fulfill their high expectations was shocking.

“I thought that we had a chance to kill them so it was kind of a shock that we lost,” she said.

S t u d e n t s seemed to be especially disappointed, and it was a loss that Notre Dame seemed to experience throughout the game.

“The whole game I was like ‘What just happened?’” freshman Sam Boers said.

Especially nerve-wracking to the senior class was quarter- back Jimmy Clausen’s failed attempt at a rush into the end zone that resulted in him remaining on the ground for several minutes after being hit by a Navy defender.

“There was a moment of shock when he didn’t get up right away but when he came back I was confident that he was fine,” Boers said.

Other students felt Clausen’s play in the game, including the hard hit he took, was one of the bright spots in an otherwise long day.

“I really respect him for going for it. Most quarter- backs wouldn’t. I respect him more this year because he takes more risks,” sophomore Daniel DeMars said.

DeMars also said a bright spot for the Irish was the con- tinued trend of strong play late in the game.

“We picked it up in the fourth quarter as usual,” he said. “We just didn’t keep it up for the first three.”

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IN BRIEF

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China premier pledges funds and aid to Africa

Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt — China's premier on Sunday ordered China's military to prepare for a possible armed conflict with Colombia, saying China's soldiers should be ready if the United States attempts to provoke a war between China and Colombia.

Chavez orders troops to prepare for conflict

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez on Sunday ordered Venezuela's military to prepare for a possible armed conflict with Colombia, saying his nation's armed forces should be ready if the United States attempts to provoke a war between Venezuela and Colombia.

Hurricane Ida aims for Gulf

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Ida, the first Atlantic hurricane to target the United States this year, plodded Sunday toward the Gulf Coast with 100 mph winds, bringing the threat of flooding and storm surges. A hurricane watch extended over more than 200 miles of coastline along the northwestern Louisiana-Mississippi border. Nearly 1,400 Louisiana residents are still living in federally issued trailers and mobile homes after hurricanes Katrina and Rita; nearly 360 units remained in Mississippi.

The FEMA stresses that those in temporary (housing) units should not take chances. Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman Andreas Thomas said, "Leave the unit behind and evacuate to a permanent structure that will better withstand tropical weather systems and the associated winds." Mississippi authorities warned residents to be vigilant. Authorities were monitoring conditions to see whether any evacuations of lower-lying areas or school closures would be necessary. "It is likely we will at least be hit with strong winds and some flooding of coastal areas," said Jeff Rent, a spokesman for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. "Don't leave it up to chance. Make sure you've got a plan to get out."
Suspect identified in Seattle police shooting

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Police described a suspect in the shooting death of a Seattle policeman as a “lone domestic terrorist” and said he was also suspected of firebombing four police vehicles.

At a news conference, Seattle Assistant Police Chief Jim Pugel identified 41-year-old Christopher Monfort as the man shot by police on Friday as he was sought in connection with the Halloween killing of officer Timothy Brenton.

Pugel also said investigators found improvised explosive devices at Monfort’s apartment.

“From everything we can tell is a lone domestic terrorist,” Pugel said. “At this moment we cannot find any ties to anyone else.”

Police evacuated part of Monfort’s apartment complex Saturday evening after finding what was described as a “potential hazard,” Seattle’s KING 5 News reported. Police didn’t elaborate on the evacuation but allowed residents to return to their homes after about an hour.

Brenton was sitting in a car Oct. 31 with rookie Officer Britt Sweeney following a traffic stop when shots were fired. Sweeney was grazed in the neck.

Detectives have asked the King County prosecutor’s office for formal charges in the case.

On Sunday morning, Monfort was still in serious condition in the intensive care unit at Harborview Medical Center, said hospital spokeswoman Susan Gregg-Hanson. He underwent hours of surgery Friday night and arrived at the hospital in critical condition with “multiple injuries.”

Pugel said police believe Monfort is connected to the Oct. 22 firebombings of three Seattle police cruisers and a mobile command post at a nearby city garage. Investigators reportedly found a note threatening to kill officers and fliers protesting police brutality at the arson scene.

The Seattle Times reported that an American flag found at the maintenance yard and a similar one found near the shooting scene gave investigators a key link between the two crimes even before Monfort was identified as the suspect. The Times attributed the information to unnamed law enforcement sources.

On Friday, police detectives were pursuing a tip from a resident who said a car at an apartment complex in suburban Tukwila matched the description of a vehicle seen nearby when Brenton was killed.

While officers examined the car, which was covered by a tarp, television footage showed dozens of cruisers surrounding the building.

Pugel said detectives were walking to speak with other law enforcement conducting surveillance when Monfort left his apartment and approached three detectives.
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Yet, her large-scale response couldn’t help but lead me to a similarlycaptioned framing of the situation. Since when are we so big, so complex, that we don’t fully understand the functions of a system that we ourselves have created and made essential for modern human life? How can we create pathways that are too complex to track, action, too tangled to trace movement and instead require faith in a “great mystery” that everything will turn out okay?

Hold up. Is this article about our electricity or our economy? It could be either. We are huge. Our economic markets are huge, our personal and national spheres of influence are titanic, our resource use is colossal. Our nation’s economic and political systems sit lost in their own obesity epidemic, so complex that even the very commodity we rely on for heat, cold, light and food storage remains a mystery to those in charge of regulating it.

It’s a lot like gaining weight, this acquisition of national bulk. Mass accrues so gradually that only ten years down the line do you look down and realize your gut has expanded to the point where you can’t even see your feet anymore. You know they still exist down there, you can usually feel them, but it sure takes some effort to take care of them. If stimulus money really is impossible to track, if certain companies truly are “too big to fail,” then why is the solution to throw more money at it, hoping some morals will stick? Parents anywhere will tell you that handing out money to a child doesn’t improve his/her national conglomerate’s character.

Being large, advanced and far-reaching obviously does afford some benefits. In America, we feel limitless in our pursuits, we have access to mass amounts of information and we don’t struggle with the basic necessities of life in the same way that so many other countries do. Yet, how do we reconcile this ease with the waste of our huge lifestyles? More importantly, how do we tame the Frankenstein’s of our mass culture?

Most huge civilizations of the world grew and grew because of their successes, but too much success has historically tended to lead to epic failure. Rome couldn’t control its expansive northern territories from centers in the south and Britain eventually couldn’t keep its colonies in line with only Navy. Our ingenuity advances us, but also creates capable monsters, systems that we administer but cannot control. I’m not sure if I’m advocating for secession, ruralism, Amish lifestyles or the apocalypse. Maybe all four, but probably none. What I do know is that we need to slow down and scale back. How can we retain and check up on the “great mysteries” of our inventions if they stay so great and mysterious?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If you must play, decide upon the rules of the game, the stakes and the quitting time.”

Chinese Proverb

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Part 6 by Nicholas Brandt

A man in a beige-tinted jacket approached him from his corner pedestal. He shuffled through the jagged debris and mumbled grumblings to himself. He seemed to be looking for shards of green-grey bricks.

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"Heh! Couldn't get out? Why, that's the funniest thing I ever heard," he said.

He offered Frederick his hand. As he got to his feet he noticed that the man’s other hand was not there. He wondered if he was trying to give some kind of sign or gesture. He thought Larry had stolen it from the parking lot outside, and placed it in the bin as a joke.

They may have known that he had committed some sort of infraction, and was working on a way of escaping, or of avoiding a potential situation that he had met a previous victim. If only he had taken the madman seriously.

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Faculty New

Cell phones distracting

My wife and I attended the excellent Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra Concert Nov. 5 and found ourselves constantly distracted by the frequent use of cell phones for texting and e-mailing during the actual concert. The glow of cell phones was all I could see as I sat through the entire life of me understand why people could not wait until the concert was over to use their cell phones.

I would urge the DeBartolo Center for Performing Arts to adopt a strict policy of insisting that all cell phones be turned completely off during any event. We all pay good money to enjoy the wonderful events available to us. There should be no exceptions, no excuses. It is a matter of respect for the performers, the audience, and the event itself.

In my opinion, cell phones should be left outside the event, just as we leave our car keys and money in our pockets. The use of cell phones during an event is a distraction that can ruin the experience for everyone.

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Show some respect

Greg Robinson
senior off campus

Nov 7

We need a college coach

I just wanted to vent a little — no big deal. I am entirely in favor of Coach Weis but when we throw away chances to win, I will feel better putting it all down on paper, so to speak. And I realize, too, that there are many, many other facets of Notre Dame than football, but bring in the limits of what I consider a good coach, gets a lot of press.

I’d like to reference my remarks by saying that coaches I will mention I believe to be good, honest people. But I like to make the exception in Jimmy Carty; he was a nice guy, too. But all of them were strictly not good at the job they were ultimately given. As an outsider, non-player, with a useless opinion, I see how all these people had wonderful skills at one level, that did not transport to the college level.

I am a Notre Dame alum that has seen the ‘Ara years and those since. I have just finished over half the new book “Resurrection,” for no other reason than it has quite a lot of history of what went on before. The parallels to now are scary.

I have seen great years, good years and purely dismal years. Winning and losing are all part of the experience, and I can live with it. I have i have the saddest great chances taken by the University in coaching decided if, for one, really thought Gerry Frust were going to get out that much his box score record was stellar. I have seen the programs go through radical shifts and changes in the philosophy of how the team should be built and perform (most turned out adversely). And I have seen how I was very nervous the seemingly better chance taken with the advent of Charlie Weis — a coach with purely skills over the players from a different level of football.

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A Notre Dame short story

Write Part Seven! Want to write the next paragraph to the story? Submit your paragraph to NDLFshortstory@gmail.com before 4 p.m. Limit of 200 words. Title it Part Seven. This story will continue until Nov. 16. If your paragraph is selected, it will be published in Viewpoint and you will get to read it at the NDLF panel discussion Nov. 19. The visiting authors will write the ending paragraphs. Take advantage of the opportunity to write a story along with three New York Times bestselling authors!
With the upcoming release — and preview screening here at Notre Dame — of "The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day" fast approaching, all the excitement on campus begs a question: Why does Notre Dame love cult classics "Boondock Saints" so much? In lieu of extensive research and a definitive answer to this question, here instead is a glimpse at some of Notre Dame's own cult classics. Not all are Irish, and not all garner the respect and adoration that "Boondock Saints" does. But Domers love them anyway.

From hilarious musicals to anarchical action flicks, Notre Dame loves sports months without football watching these movies, over and over again, getting them the coveted distinction of being Notre Dame Cult Classics.

The Departed
Just like "Boondock Saints," Martin Scorsese's 2006 Oscar-winner "The Departed" has Boston, crooked cops, the Mafia and obscene violence. Unlike "Boondock Saints," however, it is a legitimately "good" film (hence the "Best Picture" award) and it has Notre Dame shout-outs galore. Martin Sheen (who has a history of characters with Domer connections) plays a Catholic police detective who brags (okay, mentions) that his son goes to Notre Dame. And don't forget Jack Nicholson's memorable final appearance in an Irish t-shirt.

She's the Man
For three not-so-good reasons, the women of Notre Dame seem to love "She's the Man." It's quotable, it's ridiculously good fun and Channing Tatum spends half his screen time shirtless. Plus, for all of the pseudo-intellectual movie critics on campus, "She's the Man" is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's cross-dressing comedy, "Twelfth Night." Let the acaemic discussion commence.

Wedding Crashers
There is something terribly charming about lying playboys who find clever ways to get as many girls as possible, as long as they're hilarious. Honestly, who wouldn't be entertained by Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson's antics as they searched for the best ways to have a good time? The rules of their game are plastered over dorm walls for good reason. "Wedding Crashers" combines humor with fantastic characterization and traipses its audience down the aisle, dropping them off at the altar of two comedic geniuses.

Mean Girls
Whether it's torturing your friends with a sweatpants comment or a well placed, "You can't sit with us!" there is a little Regina George in all of us. "Mean Girls" has become everything from a Friday morning movie night regular to a wake up call on how ridiculous girl behavior really is. Unlike many high school movies, it actually comes eerily close to the real thing — girls can be vicious. "Mean Girls" is a classic because it shows how these little heads can come out of it, maybe over a good conversation or even falling backwards into a group of your peers during a trust exercise. Just don't say that you're sorry because people are jealous of you, and you can't help it that you're really popular. And guess what — Regina was right. Fetch never happened.

Sweet Home Alabama
If "Sweet Home Alabama" isn't sweeping the campus, well, it should be. Reese Witherspoon is any man's dream — a smart, funny, spunky-witted woman that isn't too hard on the eyes, if I do say so myself. Plus for all you ladies out there, word is that Josh Lucas ain't too bad either; the man makes glass from lightning. While it's not actually new on the romantic comedy scene, you can't go wrong with your basic big-time-city-girl coming back to town and having to choose between old and new. Come for the love, stay for the Civil War reenactors.

V for Vendetta
A powerful, faceless anarchy slowly wresting away the rights of its subjects in the name of God and country. A young woman lost and confused in an oppressive society. A masked, mysterious, intelligent man fighting for freedom. Somewhere in these dark images is an idea that Notre Dame relates to. From the elegant, alliterative soliloquies to the hellishly brutal violence, it's a film of great performances, beautiful and disturbing images and stirring moments. But behind these, it's a film of ideas, and ideas are bulletproof.

High School Musical
At first you may seem skeptical that this is a Notre Dame Cult Classic; it is a musical set in high school and aren't we non-musical college students? Well let's note the evidence that this Disney trilogy is indeed a cult classic here on campus. On average, one in four Notre Dame girls owns at least one copy of "High School Musical." Then there's the sheer existence of "High School Musical"-themed parties. And, though there is only one confirmed case, the presence of Zac Efron's face on throw pillows in common rooms. These three factors alone are enough to establish this High School Musical as a Classic. If you're still skeptical, walk into a room full of people and yell "What team?!" If anyone answers "Wildcats," then this choice as a cult classic is clearly justified.

Rudy
Does this even need an explanation? "Rudy" is the quintessential underdog story. It's the story of a young man from a small town who dreams of playing football at the University of Notre Dame. No one believes in him, not even his father or his brothers, except his friend Pete. But the prove everyone wrong and wins the hearts and respect of many along the way. The story is heartwarming and inspiring, and it has a great soundtrack. Oh yeah, did I mention it takes place at Notre Dame?

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Jimmy Clausen set career-highs in pass attempts (51), completions (37) and passing yards (452), and a new school record of completions. Golden Tate made nine catches for 132 yards and a touchdown and Michael Floyd returned to the lineup for Notre Dame.

The numbers appear to be from a Notre Dame rout, but the Irish were unable to come back against Navy Saturday, falling 23-21. Notre Dame was in contention for a BCS berth heading into Saturday’s matchup, but Navy’s victory effectively ended that hope. The Irish also fall to 6-3 as the Midshipmen moved to 7-3.

“I think it came down to red-zone production for us,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said Saturday afternoon, and he was right. Notre Dame scored on only two of their six chances in the red zone.

As in the Irish style this season, Notre Dame worked on making a comeback with less than a minute left. After the Irish recovered an onside kick, Clausen found Tate for a 31-yard touchdown pass to make the score 23-21 with 24 seconds left in the game. The following onside kick went out of bounds, however, and Notre Dame left South Bend with their second straight win at Notre Dame Stadium.

Navy quarterback Ricky Dobbs passed for 56 yards and rushed for 102 in the game, second to fullback Vince Murray’s 158. Going into the game, Weis knew Murray was a threat.

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Weis said Murray gashed the Irish defense for 132 yards and a touchdown, averaging 11.3 yards per carry. Weis said his defense “had too many yards, some of them easy yards, and he had a couple of big runs.”

Vince Murray and Notre Dame did outduel Navy in game stats, including going the entire game without a time out.

On top of Clausen’s impressive career highs in attempts, completions and passing yards, he had one interception and throw for two touchdowns. His 452 passing yards rank as the fourth highest in a single game in Notre Dame history and are the most by an Irish signal caller since Brady Quinn threw for 467 against BYU in 2005.

As good as the Clausen-orchestrated offense was, Navy’s triple-option offense ruled the field. Their offense did great today and executed their game plan,” Clausen said. “I give a lot of credit to their coach, their defense and all their players.”

Tate also put up strong numbers in the game, most coming out of the second half where he had eight catches and 127 of his 132 yards. Michael Floyd, playing in his first game since breaking his clavicle against Michigan State on Sept. 19, had ten receptions for 141 yards and a touchdown, tying his career high in receptions.

Leading the Irish defense Saturday was Brian Smith, with 10 tackles, following by Sergio Brown and Kyle McCarthy with nine and Ian Williams with eight. Notre Dame could not cross the 50-yard line on its first possession when senior wide receiver Robby Parris fumbled a reception that was recovered by Navy. From there, Dobbs marched the Midshipmen down the field to score and Navy led 7-0. Despite moving the ball well, Notre Dame failed to score in the first half. Freshman kicker Nick Tausch attempted a field goal from the Navy 24 and missed wide left, leaving Notre Dame still behind 7-0. The Midshipmen began the second quarter with another touchdown on Murray’s 25-yard run to make it 14-0 at halftime.

The Irish finally got on the board with 5:03 left in the third quarter after junior halfback Robert Hughes made it over the goal line for a touchdown. However, Navy responded with one of their own when Dobbs threw a 52-yard pass to junior wide receiver Greg Jones to increase their lead to 21-7.

Sophomore cornerback Robert Blanton apparently thought Jones was an ineligible receiver, and as a result Jones was wide open on the play. The Irish finally started to rack up points late in the fourth quarter. Floyd caught a 12-yard touchdown pass with 4:46 left to make it 21-14. After a key defensive stop that forced a Navy punt, the Irish started a new drive at their own 13-yard line with time running out. Their success was cut short, however, when Navy sacked Clausen twice, the second time for a safety with a minute left in the game.

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Quarterback: Jimmy Clausen threw for a career-high 452 yards, but couldn't lead the Irish offense into the end zone often enough and had a critical fumble.

Running backs: Notre Dame barely ran the ball against the Midshipmen but Theo Riddick was impressive in his five carries. Robert Hughes never got going on the ground but had 59 receiving yards.

Receiver: Golden Tate and Michael Floyd each had more than 100 yards and did their jobs against the Navy corners, although Floyd looked a little rusty at times. Robby Parris' fumble was a huge momentum swing.

Defensive line: Against a much smaller Navy defense the line of scrimmage was not controlled, and the two sacks of Clausen came on the most critical plays of the game.

Defensive backs: This unit struggled helping out in run support, although Sergio Brown had nine tackles (but several misses). Greg Jones was uncovered on his huge touchdown catch.

Special teams: Nick Tausch missed both field goal attempts after making his last 14. John Goodman was solid returning punts and Theo Riddick had some nice moves on kickoff return duty.

Coaching: Losing to Navy twice at home is simply unacceptable, and much of the blame for the red zone failures has to go to play-calling. Turnovers, miscommunication and penalties are all signs of a poorly coached team.

Overall: A disastrous performance for a team that should have soundly beaten Navy.

Irish caught looking ahead

The players won’t say it. The coaches won’t say it. Nobody within the Notre Dame football program is admitting it, but to anyone who follows sports, it’s fairly obvious what happened to Notre Dame on Saturday. The Irish fell into the prototype trap game. It was all set up perfectly to be the make-or-break game. It was supposed to be the make-or-break game.

Except the Irish forgot about that pesky little Navy team that always plays Notre Dame tough. Who could really blame them? Navy had beaten Notre Dame once in the past 45 years. Except that one time was two years ago, and many of the players on Notre Dame’s roster played in that game. This team, more than any Irish squad of the past half-century, should not have underestimated what Navy was capable of. The quotes from after the game were eerily reminiscent of the interviews after the loss to Syracuse last season, when the usually fiery Golden Tate said he felt the attitude was “ Eh.” “I think it did feel a little flat.” Tate said after Saturday’s loss.

The worst part of Saturday’s loss, though, isn’t that it was the second loss to Navy in the past three years, or the fact that this year’s junior and senior classes will never see a win against Navy in Notre Dame Stadium during their time as a student.

No, the worst part was that, even though the loss was unexpected, it was hardly shocking. The Irish had been talking a tightrope all season, and so far had come out on the winning end more often than not.

Saturday, though, all the woes that had haunted the Irish all season showed up once again.

First, the red zone production was abysmal. Including Saturday’s game, the Irish have scored touchdowns on only 21 percent of their trips inside the opponent’s 20-yard line. On Saturday alone, Notre Dame found points on only two of the six red zone chances.

Next, the run defense, and defense in general, was gashed repeatedly. The Midshipmen rushed for a staggering 348 yards against Notre Dame. A run defense that looked to have improved over the past few weeks regressed back to early-season form.

It would be one thing if the Irish were burned by Navy quarterback Ricky Dobbs or one of the Midshipmen’s speedy tailbacks, but the play that seemed to give the Irish fits was a simple dive play to the fullback. Vincent Murrey led the Midshipmen in rushing, with 158 yards on only 14 carries, almost all of them right up the middle.

Poor tackling, another bugaboo for the Irish all season, showed up in spades Saturday. How many times did a Navy player appear to be stopped, only to rattle off a few more yards after initial contact. Against Navy’s triple option, it appeared that Notre Dame’s struggling pass defense would get a break, and the Midshipmen did pass only three times all day.

On one of those passes, though, the Irish got burned for a 52-yard touchdown pass where it appeared the Irish simply neglected to cover the Navy receiver.

On the other side of the ball, the offensive line play was suspect as well. It’s one thing to give pressure when USC is rushing only four defensive linemen, but to give up consecutive sacks — and one safety — to a Navy line that weighs in at an average of just 262.3 pounds is simply unacceptable for a team with legitimate BCS aspirations.

Despite all of this, Notre Dame still had a chance to win. I’ll admit that when the Irish regressed in the waning minutes down only seven, I thought that Jimmy Clausen would lead yet another fourth quarter comeback. It wasn’t to be, though, and the loss obviously raises more questions about Charlie Weis’ job security.

In all likelihood, those questions won’t be answered until the end of the season.

One thing is certain, though. The Irish won’t be getting distracted by any BCS talk for the rest of this season.

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Sports Writer

With the return of Michael Floyd to the lineup after sitting out the last five games because a broken collarbone, Notre Dame’s offense looked, at times, unstoppable. But once again, the Irish offense just couldn’t get it done when it mattered most.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen and company were a horrific 2-for-6 inside the red zone against Navy, including two turnovers and two missed field goals.

In his postgame press conference, Irish coach Charlie Weis acknowledged that his team’s poor performance down near the goal line was the difference between winning and losing.

“Getting the ball down into position to score was not the issue; it was scoring that was the issue,” he said.

With the goal-line defense unable to make stops for much of the game, it seemed as though things couldn’t possibly get worse for the Irish. They did.

After hitting a Notre Dame record 14 consecutive field goals, kicker Nick Faust missed his only two attempts against the Midshipmen, from 30 and 41 yards.

This would come back to haunt the Irish. After failing to convert on three plays from inside the five-yard line, Weis was faced with a tough choice on fourth-and-goal down 14-0 early in the second quarter. He elected to go for it and the Irish turned the ball over on downs after quarterback Jimmy Clausen’s pass fell incomplete in the end zone.

“We had missed a couple field goals in the game, and sometimes that taints you,” Weis said of the decision. “I thought that the possessions in the game, especially they were up 1-0 after four scores, but the two scores were touchdowns, I think the possessions in the game and the time of possession was going to warrant that we were going to need some points.”

What really cost the Irish down the stretch were uncharacteristic turnovers that cost them valuable scoring opportunities.

Down by two touchdowns late in the third quarter, the Irish were threatening to close the gap as they made their way down Navy’s nine-yard line. But instead of sliding down or getting out of bounds to avoid contact as he has done all season, Clausen got impatient, taking on a Navy defender inside the two-yard line and fumbling the ball after taking a huge hit.

“I just got hit. A guy made a good play, and I fumbled the ball,” Clausen said of the play.

On the next possession, the Irish once again drove deep into Navy territory before turning the ball over. Clausen’s pass, intended for Floyd, who wasn’t expecting it, ricocheted off of Floyd’s back into the arms of Midshipmen linebacker Ram Vela.

“Yeah, we were trying to get a double cadence and we just miscommunicated,” Clausen said. “He was blocking the screen, and I was just trying to throw a slant, and it went off his back and a guy made a good play on it.”

As good as Notre Dame’s offense is outside of the red zone, it won’t matter if it woes in the red zone continue.

Next week doesn’t figure to be any easier as the Irish travel to take on a Pittsburgh defense that is allowing just 17 points per game.

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scoring summary

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First quarter
Navy 7, Notre Dame 0
Ricky Dobbs 1-yd run (Joe Buckley kick) with 7:15 remaining.
Drive: 12 plays, 51 yards, 6:06 elapsed.

Second quarter
Navy 14, Notre Dame 0
Vince Myers 9-yd run (Buckley kick) with 14:56 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards, 2:54 elapsed.

Third quarter
Navy 14, Notre Dame 7
Robert Hughes 1-yd run (Buckley kick) with 5:03 remaining.
Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 3:57 elapsed.

Fourth quarter
Navy 21, Notre Dame 14
Michael Floyd 12-yd pass from Jimmy Clausen (Buckley kick) with 4:46 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 90 yards, 1:48 elapsed.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen waits for the snap near the Navy end zone during Saturday’s 23-21 loss to the Midshipmen. Notre Dame scored on just two of their six trips into the red zone, which included an interception and a fumble.

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

○ Sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph left Saturday’s game in the second half with what trainers initially thought was a broken collarbone. Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday that the initial X-rays came back negative and the medical staff was still evaluating him.

“We very much wanted him and that came back negative,” Weis said. “He was out of the locker room with a sling, but I don’t know what the status of that is yet.”

○ Weis also said Sunday that sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist’s surgery on his ACL went very well Friday.

“The went very, very well, better than we would have expected. Usually when you get an ACL, there’s a lot of residual damage along with that, and it was as clean as could be. There was no cartilage, no other ligaments, no bone,” Weis said. “It only took about an hour to fix, and the prognosis is very good, probably a time frame faster than we normally would have expected based off of how little damage there was.”

○ Clausen’s 37 completions against the Midshipmen easily beat the previous record of 33 set by Joe Theismann against USC in 1976 and Brady Quinn against Michigan State in 2005.

The junior’s 452 passing yards were the most since Quinn threw for 467 against BYU in 2005.

○ The loss dropped Weis’s record against teams with winning records to 8-19. Weis is also just 1-13 against teams ranked in the top 25.

○ Irish defensive players had different reactions to giving up 348 yards on the ground to Navy. “They out-schemed us, they just played harder,” said junior defensive tackle Ian Williams. “I played my heart out, but I guess they just had a better scheme than we did.”

Senior safety Kyle McCarthy indicated the failure was more in execution than the scheme.

“I’ve had a full week that we have to take care of the fullback. That was a big part of our game plan and I guess we just didn’t execute it,” McCarthy said. “We made any adjustments that we felt we needed, and Navy just beat us; there is really no excuse.”

Weis sided with McCarthy when asked about the question Sunday.

“I did hear quite contrasting answers to the same question. I think that question was presented to us, it was also presented to Kyle McCarthy, and from what I understand, Kyle McCarthy’s answer was quite different, where he said it had nothing to do with the scheme,” Weis said. “So there’s a reason why one guy is a captain and one guy is not.”

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Notre Dame had no trouble moving the ball against the Midshipmen, never even punting. But as soon as the Irish were near the Navy end zone, everything that could go wrong did go wrong. A failed fourth-down attempt, a fumble at the two-yard line, two missed field goals and an interception off the back of Michael Floyd all dismantled Notre Dame drives that looked as if they would result in scores. The Midshipmen rushed for 348 yards, gashing the Irish up the middle and often pitching to uncovered backs. Despite numerous miscues, Notre Dame still had a chance to force overtime in the closing minutes. This time, however, there was no dramatic comeback, as Clausen was sacked on third and fourth downs to preserve the Navy win. A late onside kick recovery and touchdown pass from Jimmy Clausen to Golden Tate gave a glimmer of hope, but with the loss Notre Dame’s BCS chances went down the drain.

For more photos, check out the photo gallery at ndsmcobserver.com
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Holy Cross missionaries — the priests, the nuns and the brothers — are real- ly doing very powerful work. Our mission is just ... being a part of their mis- sion. It’s these three distinct groups of people, these athletes from Notre Dame, these missionaries from all over the world and the people of Bangladesh, all coming together and fighting in one fight.

Observer: Did the Catholic mission- ary have a hard time making their presence welcome in Bangladesh?

Weber: There’s a really interesting religious dynamic there. A (large) percent of the country is Muslim. There’s a dramatic interfaith disparity, yet there seems to be very good relations between the religions. There seems to be a harmony there that is quite surprising when you first go over. As Americans we were wondering about how we were going to be received in a Muslim coun- try at this time in history. It’s not a great time for Americans in Muslim countries, but we were embraced and welcomed in this country as if we were family and it was really incredible. I think Holy Cross is a testament to that ... I think the fact that it is such a poor country seems to have brought people together from differ- ent religions. The fact that everybody is striv- ing for development has kind of allowed the dif- ferent religions to put aside their difference and work for developments. Sure there are excep- tions, but that was the overwhelming feel.

Observer: Where did the idea for this film come from?

Weber: The whole develop- ment of all of this stuff was always a team effort. The idea (for the film and to go to Bangladesh) started taking root my sophomore year. The first action I ever took was staying on campus over fall break. I started meeting with people ... and I basically said, you know, we’ve been doing this for 80 years ... Students have never gone. It’s time to go. I’m a film major and I think we should make a film about it. ... I didn’t know what my capabilities were. I just had a camera. The success of the project was taking the idea and surrounding the idea with a team that was really excited and passionate about the project. Some of the footage we got is just priceless stuff. All our music was done by a local guy, Gene Ort (and) his company.

Observer: Are you going to sell the film?

Weber: We’re structuring the business side of the film so that a percentage of all the profits are going back to the Notre Dame (Bengal Bouts). All that money over the year goes to support Bangladesh. We wouldn’t be doing this to make money. Our goal is definitely to submit this to film festivals and to talk to TV net- works and to sell it on DVD. The goal underlying all those things is to have as many people see the film as possible. The reason for that is that, from our experience and from feed- back that we’ve already gotten, this is a story so unique, so inspiring, that by showing it to people we can help inspire people to do good in the world and also share this understanding that it’s not just about aiding other people but empow- ering them.

Observer: What is a challenge you faced while you were making the film?

Weber: There was a major technical challenge of shooting in Bangladesh. Having those big cameras, we would go to places and not have power or power would go off for hours at a time. And when they’re shooting in HD it’s not like you have limitless tapes. You have to download to computers and then wipe those tapes and start over. The major technical challenge was keeping our equipment powered and downloading our footage before we had to do another shoot.

We were on car rides on bumpy dirt roads for five hours ... There were times when we’d be going on a road that would go through water and we had to take out all of the equipment, otherwise the car would sink. So we’d have to carry our equip- ment, walk across this bridge, and then put it back in. Sometimes we had to do that a couple times on the way to our destinations.

Observer: What are your career goals? Are you looking to make more documentaries in the future?

Weber: I would define myself currently as an entrepreneur filmmaker. I have no idea at the end of the year if this is going to lead me, but those are my passions. I’m project-oriented, I would love to work for myself someday, whether it be in a film company or some other company. Being an entrepreneur and being a film producer are very similar. It’s kind of like the day-in and day-out of boxing practice. You don’t know exactly how everything is going to work out in a tournament or where you’re going to get Turkish love the day in and day out. You might step into that tournament and fight for six minutes and lose and not play the rest of the tournament, so you have to love the day-in and day-out. That’s what I love about filmmaking. Even if this film isn’t successful, we’ve created something really amazing and some- thing that we’re really proud of.
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Done with all the drama, the Bengals are grinding their way into the playoffs, three weeks after self-destruction.

Cedric Benson topped 100 yards again on Sunday, and the Bengals scored on their first three possessions in their 17-7 victory over Baltimore that kept surprising Cincinnati atop the AFC North and underwriting its ambitions.

With a win next Sunday in Pittsburgh, the Bengals (6-2) would be in position to make the playoffs for only the second time in the past 19 years. They won the division in 2005 with a team that still had a lot to learn.

"We're much more mature," said quarterback Carson Palmer, who improved to 8-3 career against the Ravens. "We're a better team. We were a good team back then; we were kind of young and dumb. This team has more guys that understand the situation.

Cincinnati would be in control of the division with a win at Pittsburgh (5-2), which plays Denver on Monday night. The Ravens are 4-0 in division games, including a come-from-behind three of the last four games. They've also hurt themselves with two pass interference penalties extending Cincinnati's second touchdown drive.

That's not all.

Ravens' 1-yard touchdown run cut it to 17-4 early in the fourth quarter, and the Ravens got their chance to make it close when Ed Reed stiffarmed Chad Ochocinco after a catch at midfield. Steve Hauschka hooked a 38-yard field goal try with 6:12 left.

In the past, the Bengals would have been one point off the scoreboard.

"They're not like our team this year," said Ryan Fitzpatrick, a backup quarterback who ran for a touchdown.

Ravens fullback Le'Ron McClain is swarmed by a group of Bengals' defenders in their 17-7 loss Sunday. The Bengals sit atop the AFC North after eight games this season. (AP Photo/Tom Uhlman)

The implications of Sunday's victory are monumental.

Indy is the fourth team in league history with 17 straight regular-season wins. New England did it twice — winning a record 21 straight from 2006-08 and 18 in a row from 2003-04. Chicago won 17 straight from 1933-34.

Now, the Patriots come to town with a chance to prevent Indy from matching its original record. There were plenty of accolades to go around for the Colts on Sunday, too.

Jim Caldwell became the NFL's first rookie coach to start 8-0 since Patsy Drue in 1930.

Manning, the three-time MVP, tied Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton for fourth in career victories (123) and became the first player in league history to throw for 40,000 yards in one decade. Tight end Dallas Clark caught 14 passes, the third-highest single-game total by an NFL tight end, and with eight receptions, Reggie Wayne moved past Hall of Fame Raymond Berry and into second on the Colts' career reception list.

A week after rallying the Colts with a fourth-quarter TD pass, Addai caught a touchdown pass, then ran 2 yards for the winning 7-11 to 10.

The biggest impact: Indy holds a commanding 3-1/2-game lead in the AFC South over second-place Houston (5-4) and is 3-0 against its division rivals. The Texans (5-4) dropped to 1-4-1 all time against the Colts, including 0-6 in Indianapolis.

But this loss was easily the most frustrating of the series.

After snuffing out the Colts early run and fighting back to take the lead, the Texans had two chances to win it or force overtime. Both failed.

Matt Schaub, under pressure from Gary Brackett, was intercepted by Clint Session in Colts territory with 2:13 to go.

Then after forcing a rare three-and-out, Matt Schaub moved Houston into scoring position again only to see Brown push his field goal attempt to the left, leaving some teammates sprawled on the field in disbelief.

"I missed the kick," Brown said. "I was going through my routine, and I felt good walking on the field. I took a lot of pride in kicking, especially knowing that that's what we've been working on." Schaub pointed out that the Texans were missing kicker Kris Brown.

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Indy and Houston will meet again Nov. 17. It will be the first time two winning teams have met twice in a season since 2007.

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TAMPA, Fla. — Wearing one of those ghastly creamsicle jerseys that are an ugly reminder of Tampa Bay’s past, rookie Josh Freeman gave the struggling Buccaneers plenty of reasons to be optimistic about the future.

The third quarterback selected in this year’s NFL draft led the previously winless Bucs to a 38-28 victory over the Green Bay Packers in his first start Sunday, ending the league’s longest losing streak at 11 games.

Playing with poise that belied his inexperience, Freeman passed for 205 yards and three touchdowns, including a 7-yard throw to Sammie Stroughter on fourth-and-4 for the go-ahead TD with under 5 minutes to play.

“I felt really relaxed,” said Freeman, the 17th pick in the draft and the third quarterback taken behind Matthew Stafford and Mark Sanchez.

“I didn’t get too high or two low,” the 21-year-old said. “I can’t say I did anything spectacular. I just played within myself, and when we had opportunities I took them.”

Freeman became the youngest quarterback to open a game for the Bucs, who have had 10 different players start at the position since winning the Super Bowl seven seasons ago. He’s the third this year.

“Rodgers was also sacked six times, hitting Green Bay’s NFL-worst total to 37 in eight games. “It’s pretty frustrating,” Rodgers said. “I think our offense and special teams put our defense in a tough position.”

In addition to wearing retro uniforms, the Bucs made Hall of Famer Lee Roy Selmon the first inductee into the Ring of Honor at Raymond James Stadium. They trailed 21-17 during the halftime ceremony, but Freeman refused to let them lose.

The rookie threw second-half TD passes to Kellen Winslow and Stroughter, a seventh-round draft pick who was wide open in the right corner of the end zone with 4:14 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Freeman’s 2-point conversion pass to Clayton put the Bucs up 31-28. The defense, which had all of its sacks after halftime, ensured victory when Tanard Jackson picked off Rodgers and — instead of going to the ground with under a minute left — weaved 35 yards to a clinching TD.

Rodgers threw a 74-yard TD pass to James Jones on Green Bay’s second play from scrimmage, then led an 11-play, 69-yard march that Ryan Grant finished with a 3-yard run that made it 14-7 late in the opening quarter.

Cornerback Elbert Mack, beaten badly on Jones’ long touchdown, returned one of Tampa Bay’s interceptions 36 yards to the Packers 8 to set up Freeman’s first pro TD pass, a 6-yarder to Derrick Ward.

Trailing 14-7, Tampa Bay’s Geno Hayes blocked a punt that Rodne Barber scooped up and ran 31 yards for his 14th career touchdown. Freeman led a 74-yard field goal drive just before the half, trimming Tampa Bay’s deficit to 21-17.

Associated Press
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CHICAGO — From five interceptions to five touchdown passes, Kurt Warner’s one-week turnaround couldn’t have been more emphatic. Nor could the beating the Arizona Cardinals put on the Chicago Bears.

Warner tied a career high by throwing for five touchdowns after getting picked off five times the previous week, Larry Fitzgerald added 123 yards receiving, and the Cardinals easily handled the Bears 41-21 on Sunday.

Warner was at his best after a miserable performance in a 34-21 loss to Carolina. He handled a team that had a chance to sign him as a backup four years ago, matching the record for TD passes by a Bears opponent without getting intercepted.

"So much of this business is how you respond and how you come back," Warner said. "I always want my teammates to know that I’m going to be there every week battling with them. And if I have a bad week, hopefully they can pick me up. If not, I’ll try to do my best the next week."

Two of his touchdowns went to Fitzgerald, who had his way with Charles Tillman before the cornerback left with a shoulder injury in the second quarter.

"Kurt played just phenomenal again," said Fitzgerald, who has family in Chicago and spent summers here as a child. "He was making the right reads and getting the ball to the guys who were open. When we’re clicking like that, it’s hard to stop us."

Warner passed for 313 yards and threw touchdown passes to Fitzgerald, Tim Hightower and Anquan Boldin. TheCards wasted no time busting the Bears, with four touchdowns in the first quarter.

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Saints remain undefeated

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees and the Saints’ prolific offense never trailed to edge out the Carolina Panthers in their first five games.

Mastering the comeback in their last three has gotten New Orleans off to its best start in the franchise’s 43-year history.

New Orleans moved to 8-0 on Sunday when Brees overcame two early turnovers to pass for 330 yards and a touchdown in a 30-20 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

“That’s great. I mean, 1967 until now and we’re the only (Saints) team to have done that,” Brees said. “That’s really special. I feel like we’ve got a special group of guys, a special team, and certainly we’re not satisfied with what we have. We have what it takes to just continue to win.”

Starting with a favorable schedule during the next two weeks, the Saints have 10 days off before they host the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday at the Louisiana Superdome. The Panthers blew a 17-3 lead as the Saints improved to 5-0 at home this season.

“We said before that we wanted to get in the right mindset. We knew we’d be playing a lot of close games,” said Saints head coach Sean Payton said. “I don’t think there’s a lot of attention to where this (record) at the five games and we haven’t played our best football,” Saints coach Sean Payton said. “I don’t think we’re going to lose a lot of attention to where this record is at the beginning of the season. We’ve been playing a lot of tough teams. There hadn’t been a real rich history here in regards to successful football.”

The Saints have never been to a Super Bowl and have only been to the playoffs six times. The way they’re closing out games now, there’s no telling how far they could go. New Orleans is outscoring opponents 91-18 in the fourth quarter.

“The more that you win games like this, the more confidence that you gain, the more that you feel like no matter what situation that you’re in, you’re going to be able to win the game,” Brees said. “No matter what the deficit, no matter how bad things might have gone, you just feel like you’re going to come back and you’re going to do it.”

“After failing to score a touchdown in the first half for the first time all season, the Saints needed four plays to produce Pierre Thomas’ 10-yard TD run to cut Carolina’s lead to 17-13 to open the third quarter. Devery Henderson’s 63-yard gain on a short slant highlighted the drive. Carolina responded with a 19-play drive but had to settle for John Kasay’s 25-yard field goal. Delhomme’s third-down pass bounced off Williams’ shoulder pads at the goal line.

“It was very disappointing. We came very close to getting the touchdown with that pass to DeAngelo,” Delhomme said. “That would have been huge, making it 24-13.”

Instead, New Orleans tied it at 20 on Robert Meachem’s leaping catch and run for a 54-yard score.

On their next possession, the Saints started at their 2 and drove 76 yards in 13 plays to go ahead 23-20 on John Kasay’s 40-yard field goal with 4:36 left. Will Smith, who had two sacks, stripped Delhomme on fourth down, and Hargrove recovered to end Carolina’s next series. Four plays later, Saints rookie Malcolm Jenkins dove to pick Thomas Morstead’s punt from going into the end zone, setting up Hargrove’s second fumble recovery in less than a minute.

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The second TD came after Brees was sacked and stripped by Tyler Brayton, and Jon Beason recovered on the Saints 11. The Panthers went up 17-3 on Kasay’s 32-yard field goal, set up by Chris Gamble’s interception.

Patriots 27, Dolphins 17

The Miami Dolphins had just spent more than 10 minutes marching to a wildcat touchdown when Randy Moss used one stiff-arm to wipe out their lead.

Moss sped to a 71-yard touchdown after grabbing a short pass over the middle and shoving rookie cornerback Vontae Davis out of the way as the New England Patriots tightened their grip on the AFC East with a win Sunday.

“Take it away from Davis ... he’s done for a million years.”

He did it twice Sunday.

On the Patriots’ second possession, Moss made a one-handed catch against Davis for a 36-yard gain to the 1-yard line. Laurence Maroney ran for the touchdown on the next play, putting New England ahead 7-3.

“That’s Randy Moss,” said Davis, who also intercepted Brady’s pass toward Moss on the Patriots’ first series. “He’s going to make his plays and I just tried to limit him the best I could.”

Check out the Irish Insider podcast at ndsmcobserver.com/podcast for post-Navy analysis.
ND SWIMMING

Irish fall to Boilermakers

By MOLLY SAMMON / Sports Writer

Both the Irish men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams fell to Purdue Friday at Purdue’s Boilermaker Aquatic Center, but first-place performances from both teams showed the season has plenty of potential.

“In terms of progress, we have made much of it in working towards our end goal,” men’s coach Tim Bayliss said. “After analyzing where we were last year, in comparison to where we are this year, we are moving forward.”

The men were defeated, 195-185, with a large portion of the points they lost from a false start penalty of 0.01 seconds during one of the relay events. Purdue’s electronic system for measuring the time that swimmers leave the side of the pool caught them off guard.

“Our last loss against them really motivated us to come out and play good,” men’s line backer DeMarcus Ware said.

The women fell to 5-3 and the New York Giants are 5-4 after a 30-27 loss to the Dallas Cowboys at their 45. The Eagles fell to 5-3.

“Nice way to end our season,” women’s coach Katelyn Graberak said. “We want to keep up the momentum from the win against Virginia to see where we can go from here.”

ND SWIMMING

Irish places five on Tourney team

By KATELYN GRABERAK / Sports Writer

Notre Dame finished up its final fall matches Sunday in Virginia, defeating their No. 1 ranked opponents and many of their top players on the All-Tournament team at the William and Mary Invitational.

The Irish were able to post a 21-4 mark in singles against players from William and Mary, Maryland and the College of Charleston.

Three of Notre Dame’s singles, including senior David Anderson, sophomore Niall Fitzgerald and freshman Blas Moros, finished with 4-0 records in singles play.

“I have seen great strides in Blas Moros and his ability to compact the load in his forehand, as well as his attacking game,” coach Bobby Bayliss said. “David Anderson has overcome a painful back issue and is regaining his ability to serve big. Anderson, Moros, Michael Moore, Dan StaHL and Sam Fitzgerald are all key members of the Big Ten Tournament team for the Irish.

This was Fitzgerald’s only appearance of the fall season for the Irish and he was able to come out on the winning end, playing in Flight One singles and defeating Sergo Wyss of Maryland by a score of 6-4, 6-4 Sunday to round out his tournament play.

Anderson defeated Wyss Saturday only dropping four games total.

Keeton dropped his match to John Collins of Maryland Saturday, winning only three games, but rebounded to defeat Kyle Parker of the College of Charleston Sunday by a score of 6-3, 6-2.

Moore fought hard against William and Mary’s No. 61 Keegan Hughes, but dropped the match 10-3 in the third-set super tie breaker on the final day of the weekend.

Stahl and Fitzgerald teamed up in doubles for the Irish on the weekend, playing in the No. 1 doubles flight and posting a 4-0 record in the tournament.

Bayliss said the Irish doubles play has been spotty this fall and it is an area the team will need to continue to work on before the spring season.

“We will go into our NCAA mandated ‘offseason,’ so all of what we do outside of strength and conditioning work will be either individual skill instruction or any competitive things that are purely team initiated,” Bayliss said. “My hope is that some of the changes we have made in our players’ games will become more comfortable over time. We will need to hit the ground running when we come back in January, as we host Virginia that first weekend. They were number one most of last year. Most of the guys in our playing positions will be underclassmen and we need to see some maturity from them by January.

The Irish are now finished with their fall season until they host William and Mary on Jan. 22 to open their spring season.

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Men’s Tennis

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NFL

Austin uses one catch to burn Philadelphia

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Miles Austin punctuated his touchdown catch by emphatically flipping the ball into the stands.

Take that, Philadelphia.

Tony Romo threw a 49-yard TD pass to Austin midway through the fourth quarter and the Dallas Cowboys beat the Eagles 20-16 Sunday night in the 100th meeting between the division rivals.

On the final day of the 2008 regular season, the Eagles dominated Dallas 44-4 in a du-odie game for both teams.

Philadelphia earned a wild-card berth with that victory, won two playoff contests on the road and advanced to the NFC champi-

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On Dallas’ ensuing possession, Brown intercepted Romo’s pass on the Eagles’ 1-yard line and the Eagles’ drive stalled after a false start penalty on Moise Fokou for the second.

No matter, McNeill drove Philadelphia 77 yards for the go-ahead score.

LeSean McCoy turned a short pass into a 45-yard gain. One play later, McNabb escaped the rush and found Brent Celek in the corner of the end zone to put Philadelphia ahead 13-10.

“Then I made sure I caught it first,” McCoy said of his only reception. “I gave them a little pump,” Romo said of his third-quarter touchdown. “I thought we could hold

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made the difference in the game, he said. "In that last period to hold our lead. The Irish have scored 12 power plays in Friday's victory, with Notre Dame scoring the game-winner with less than three minutes to play in the second period.
The power play has been the saving grace for Notre Dame's inconsistent even-strength offensive efforts.
Of Notre Dame's 23 goals this season, only 10 have come at even strength. The Irish have earned 12 power play goals and one shorthanded goal.
"The good thing for us is we're having two different units be productive," Jackson said. "That's what we've been striving for over the last three or four games. It's not just one unit. There's certainly a lot of confidence that gets shut down, and right now, having two plays being really helpful.
The power play was blanked Saturday, as junior center Ben Bryant, who was the only Irish tally. Ryan Thang and Kyle Lawson had two playing well is really important. You want to see him grow," Jackson said.
"I'm gaining a lot of confidence and being productive," Jackson said. "That's what we've been showing," Hansbrough said. 
"Absolutely."
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Notre Dame, IN 46556

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Clark said. “We’ll get Louisville now and the winner of that game... St. John’s and Providence, so hopefully we’ll get two more games before they make that decision.”

The Irish forced overtime by overplaying South Florida, and had five shots on goal. Notre Dame finally tied the game with 21 minutes left in the second half, when senior defender Aaron Maund, who put it off the left post and into the back of the net, tying the game 2-2.

After a scoreless overtime period, the Irish were finally able to earn the win on penalty kicks, as all five of their shooters were able to convert. The game came down to a final shot from South Florida’s Sebastian Thuriere, but he hit the left post and into the back of the net, tying the game 2-2.

South Florida’s first goal came after only 2:34 had elapsed from the kickoff. A Bulls run had been stopped by the Irish central defense, but the ball was cleared weakly and South Florida senior midfielder Jorge Mora collected the ball at the top of the 18-yard box and shot past senior goalkeeper Phillip Tuttie to put the Bulls up 1-0.

“We started so slowly, I don’t know what was wrong,” Clark said. “Sometimes I think that is one of the hard things, after you have not played for a week and it’s a long football weekend. I think the guys were a little slow starting.”

Clark said the first goal was a wakeup call for his team, but things had to get worse before they could get better for the Irish, as a South Florida cross from freshman midfielder Augustin Barg found Thuriere’s head right in front of the goal to give the Bulls a 2-0 advantage. The advantage seemed to be a significant one for South Florida, as the Bulls have only given up 13 goals on the year.

“After the first goal we got some life back in the second half,” Clark said. “Despite the early deficit, the Irish then took over the game, starting with a goal of their own with the half nearing a close. Senior midfielder Michael Thomas got his team on the board at the 69th minute on a corner off the boot of freshman midfielder Dillon Powers found the back of the net after senior defender Stéphane Soumare’s header was coordinated for Thomas, who got a cross into the box to Bright Dike. Dike was able to corral the ball and get a shot off into the back of the net for his third goal of the season, tying the game 2-2.

“Dike had a couple of shots at penalty kicks,” Clark said. “It doesn’t matter what I think anyway. It’s what the referee thinks. If you asked someone in a Notre Dame uniform on they would have seen it as a penalty kick. If you asked South Florida they probably would have seen it differently.”

Notre Dame will next play this Friday in the Big East semifinals against Louisville in West Virginia.

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TOMORROW! TOUR OF INNOVATION PARK
Tour and Presentation by Dave Brenner, ND Alum and CEO of Innovation Park

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Meet at 6:00, we will walk over together, Event Begins at 6:30 pm

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Sophomore defender Jessica Schueller headed in a corner kick from junior forward Rose Augustine for the game winner. Schueller has scored three goals in her two years with the Irish — all three have been the game winners, including last year’s NCAA (4) final.

“Want players that when things get tight are willing to take some chances, and [Schueller] is one of those kids,” Waldrum said. “She is just one of those players with that DNA. She is made that way.”

Schueller’s goal was set up by Junior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes who had a first half goal off of Augustin’s first assist for the day. Junior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss allowed one goal in the game, while the Red Storm (13-6-1, 6-4-1) attempted only five shots.

Notre Dame then faced Marquette (15-5-2, 7-2-2) with a championship on the line. Waldrum said the Golden Eagles presented one of Notre Dame’s tougher challenges in the conference.

Notre Dame struck first and last in the game, as senior midfielder Amanda Clark gave the Irish a 1-0 lead in the first half, and junior forward Erica Iantorno scored the game-winner with 20 minutes left.

“The games are going to be close from here on out... You have to learn to win the close ones,” Waldrum said. “We’ve had to win close games most of the year. I think that has really prepared us for this time, for the Big East tournament, and for the NCAAs.”

Waldrum said a big part of winning close games at this time of year is solid goalkeeping, and despite her postseason inexperience, Weiss fulfilled the role this weekend.

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Waldrum said a big part of winning close games at this time of year is solid goalkeeping, and despite her postseason inexperience, Weiss fulfilled the role this weekend.

“I was really pleased with Nikki,” he said. “I wasn’t happy about the goal she gave up against Marquette. But I think for the most part she handled the weekend every bit as much as she handled the last month of the season. She was very composed.”

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Crossword

Across
1 Brown eyes or curly hair
6 Surrender
10 House in Spain
14 Cry of exasperation
15 Salve ingredient
20 Stoops
21 Not knowledgeable in the ways of the world
22 Prefix with plunk or plop
23 Collection of information in tabular form
25 $5,000
28 Biblical suffix
30 Gladden
31 Sort of: Suffix
32 “___ du lieber!”
35 Exactly … or where to find 17-, 25-, 43- and 57-Across?
40 China’s Chiang ___-shek
43 Hotpoint products
44 “___ sow, so ___”
46 Can. division
47 Not to be missed, as a TV show
51 Postal
52 Divided in appropriate amounts
54 President just before Wilson
55 Med. specialists who might treat tonsilitis
56 June 6, 1944
58 Hitter’s stat
59 “I Spy” co-star Bill, familiarly

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1 Fancy marbles
2 Banister
3 Singer Guthrie
4 Ice house: Var.
5 Stocky
6 Kodak product
7 Majestic shade of green
8 Only one of the Seven Doctors to wear glasses
9 Hair-raising cry
10 Ancient Palestine
11 “… Walt” (“Don’t worry”)
12 Kitchen utensil with a mesh
13 So far
14 Cry of exasperation
15 Salve ingredient
16 Boxer Muhammad and family
17 $500
22 Prefix with plunk or plop
23 Collection of information in tabular form
24 Tennis’s Arthur
25 Bozo
26 Inter ___ (among other things)
27 Bearers of gold, frankincense and myrrh
28 Biblical suffix
29 “Same for me”
32 Paul who sang “Diana”
33 Middling grades
34 Jekyll’s counterpart
35 Exactly … or where to find 17-, 25-, 43- and 57-Across?
36 Undress with the eyes
41 Tricked
42 Questioned
43 $10,000
44 “… boy ___ girl?”
45 What the weary get, it’s said
46 Can. division
47 Molten volcanic material
48 Strip, as a ship
49 Cause unrest?
50 “… boy ___ girl?”
51 Pester
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Tourney Time

Title over weekend helps NCAA resume

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Not only did No. 4 Notre Dame win its 11th Big East Tournament with a 2-1 victory over Marquette Sunday, but the Irish also made a strong statement to the NCAA about where they deserve to be seeded in the NCAA Tournament beginning Friday.

"Even more than winning the tournament and that championship, the focus was winning it so we could get ourselves in position to get the highest seed possible in the NCAA Tournament," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

"Now we'll wait to see what the NCAA committee does tomorrow night on the bracket." The Irish (17-3-1, 10-0-1 Big East) beat St. John's 2-1 with a golden goal in overtime Friday.

"The game only counted as a tie in the standings tonight. We were moving the ball better but got better as time went on," he said.

"I told him, just slow down a little bit," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Those are great shots, keep taking them."

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Senior guard Tory Jackson and junior forward Tyrone Nash each had 11 points. The Irish had 18 assists and 10 turnovers, a stat Brey was happy about. "I was going through a shooting slump, but coach Brey was very good at telling me, 'Hey keep shooting you'll make that shot,'" Jackson said. "I think he meant it." Senior forward Billy Baptist added 11. Junior guard Ben Hansbrough scored 14 points and led the team with 14 turnovers, a stat Brey was happy about.

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Harangody said he felt the team moved the ball better than during its last game, a 70-54 win over Lewis at the Joyce Center on Nov. 1.

"We were a lot more balanced tonight. We were moving the ball out there," he said.

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Irish win in tense shootout

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Notre Dame's Big East quarterfinal match-up with No. 13 South Florida went down to the wire once again, as the game reached the end of overtime tied 2-2, and the Irish advanced on penalty kicks (5-4) into the semifinals.

"This team comes to attack," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We out-attack and we out-counter every team.

"The game only counted as a tie for the official NCAA records, but hopefully that will be enough to catapult the Irish in the NCAA tournament.

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