Trident runs non-stop for Special Olympics

By LINDA SKALSKI

Students from Trident Naval Society ran for 24 hours, beginning at noon on Friday, in a fund-raising effort that raised more than $2,500 for the local Special Olympics.

"You wouldn't think running like this would be appealing, but we have found a way to make it appealing," said Trident President Ryan Gagnet. "There is a huge participation from people who are not even in the club.

Students donned orange vests and ran in two-hour shifts, carrying tin cans to collect donations. Most students, especially those who had participated last year, were excited to run.

"We devised a game plan of going nuts anytime someone donated," said sophomore Hans Biebl. "I think we may have made ourselves into a bit of a comic relief."

The only rule was that there had to always be at least one person running. Students found creative ways to comply with the rule. Students ran all over campus, through LaFortune Student Center, around the bookstore and some late-night runners even crashed off-campus parties.

"We received compliments about how we serve our country. It really gave me a sense of pride and patriotism to see the community being involved in such a good cause."

Chris Heck
run participant

SEND A VOLLEY CHEER ON HIGH

By MARIA SMITH

Father John Meier, discussed the historical Jesus in the fourth lecture of the Saturday Scholar Series before the football game against Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Meier holds the position of William K. Warren IV Professor of Theology at Notre Dame. He has written several books and articles and is currently writing the fourth volume of his work "A Marginal Jew: Rethinking the Historical Jesus."

"The first question is always where to begin addressing such a huge topic as the life of Jesus," Meier said as he began his lecture. "First you have to address the definition. What do we mean by the 'historical Jesus.'"

Meier stressed the difference between Christology, the study of Christ as a subsec tion of theology, and historical study of Jesus Christ.

"You must divide the methods of discipline," said Meier. "Faith has to be separate from history."

Meier, however, acknowled
I need a job!

They're the two words that strike fear into the hearts (and resumes) of college seniors everywhere: job search. Yes, it's that time of year again, folks. Time to press your suit, print your resumes, and sell yourself to any willing company for a negotiated price. We've already had the career fairs, where college students are herded together like cattle to look for the best jobs with the best companies. Most of you have already had interviews, some significantly more than others. You get asked the typical questions, like "Why do you want to work for our company?" and "Explain to me specifically how your PLS major qualifies you to potato train chimpanzees?"

Despite these tough economic times in our nation, for the most part Notre Dame students are still regarded pretty highly on the job market. Notice how I said "for the most part," because, at the current moment, there is at least one Notre Dame senior still looking; not necessarily for the perfect job, much like just A job namely, yours truly. Keeping track of my applications right now is a lot like watching the stock market during the Great Depression: failure after failure after failure. My current job search scoreboard looks like a baseball player during a slump: 10 applications, seven rejections, including one that I had to discover myself by finding out the interview date had already passed.

Strike one. So, save a miracle response from the Boston Beer Company in the next few days, I will be left to the spring semester with my last-minute applications. Combine that with my two jobs and a rigorous class schedule and it makes for a really busy year, all in all. To make my job search complete, I am pondering registering to the Internet to promote my career (parody the pun). Job search engines are all the rage these days, and if my career search here at Notre Dame ends in vain, sites such as monster.com could very well be my only option. Strike two.

Although I could always maintain my job at the local supermarket, my parents have more or less narrowed my job search somewhat by eliminating that as an option. Strike three. My last resort, one that I am very hesitant to use, is networking. For some reason I fail to see how I earned the job when my cousin's daughter-in-law's half-brother basically handed me the job. But hey, who am I to pass up a free job offer?

So let me use this column as a promotional gimmick. I need a job. Any job. I can work nights. I can work weekends. I can work holidays. I can work upside down. I can do anything. Well, OK, I can't fly. But I can do almost anything else. Ask me.

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Saint Mary's students continue to promote recycling programs on campus, expanding to recycle vending machine plastic bottles.

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Investigators continue to hunt for an increasingly brazen sniper who has gunned down eight people in the D.C. area.

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Longshoremen end labor dispute, plan to return to work Monday

Workers on strike for Longshoremen will return to work on Monday after a 10-day lockout.

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Marchand says there's no place like Las Vegas

Columnist Mike Marchand says there's nothing quite Las Vegas, especially when you travel there with your mother.

Viewpoint

ND, SMC activist clubs continue to spread their messages

You've seen their posters and chalk messages scrawled on sidewalks around campus. Now, find out what these organizations are about.

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Notre Dame defeats Pitt, now 6-0

The Irish defeated Pittsburgh Saturday. Check out all the stats and a full game recap.

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Bryan Kronk

Assistant Sports Editor

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SMC students take out the trash

♦ Student group continues to promote campus-wide recycling programs

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

Students at Saint Mary's have been working to expand the school's recycling program. The College's current program is the result of initiative taken by past classes, according to Susan Duff, professor of biology and advisor to the school's chapter of the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

"At least four years ago, the environmental club started to try to push through recycling and the first thing that they did was to try to recycle on their own and try to get it through the administration. So they started this small recycling project," Duff said. "We collected at the back of the Science Hall stairs because nobody would let us collect in the dorms. Finally, a couple of years ago, they allowed us to collect in the dorms as long as the students were doing it."

The College presently recycles paper products and aluminum, but Duff has noticed an increased amount of plastic bottles in campus vending machines. She worries about the unnecessary wasting of plastic, she said.

"It's energy. It's oil going down the drain. Oil is money and oil is energy," Duff said.

Last year, Duff and a group of students began recycling plastic and glass, with bags donated by Building Services and the use of a vehicle lent by the Facilities Department. According to Marilyn Rajski, director of building services, both departments helped research a comprehensive recycling program for the College with a local waste management service. They tried to enlist additional support from the College by proposing a program for glass and plastic recycling in every building on campus. The proposal, sponsored by SEAC and presented by Teresa Lorenz, Kellie Mark, Stephanie Shovk and Mary Rath, outlined requirements for the program, including contracting with a recycling pickup service and placing accessible recycling bins in all campus buildings.

"They put in a proposal that went into the budget to see if they could get it recommended... We never heard. We kept thinking it had to get to the Board of Directors. Somewhere in there, we got the impression that they thought it would actually get through... It had to go through the Campus Budget Committee. And we thought we had the support of the Campus Budget Committee, but, in fact we found out later that it never got through that," Duff said.

Duff added she was told that a campus-wide recycling plan of that magnitude would be very expensive, requiring a new position on Saint Mary's staff to oversee it. The program would cost approximately $10,000 to start, covering the cost of bins and transportation to a recycling plant.

In April, after the recycling proposal's rejection, Saint Mary's signed the Earth Charter, which calls for a declaration of responsibility to community, ecological integrity and social and economic justice. These responsibilities include the prevention of pollution and recycling to reduce waste.

According to Melanie Engler, director of public relations at Saint Mary's, the College is making a concerted effort to act in the best interests of the school and the environment.

"From everything I can gather, it appears that Saint Mary's administrators worked hard to find effective alternatives to the proposed program in the face of budgetary restrictions that precluded the College from contracting with an off-campus recycling service. It also appears that SEAC is doing their part to help reduce, reuse and recycle the materials used in production and consumption systems... as stated in the Earth Charter. It's a great team effort," Engler said.

This year, Saint Mary's senior Emily Miller organized a committee to review the Earth Charter, the rejected recycling proposal and the College's Master Plan.

"I put together the committee who is going to look at the Earth Charter and our proposal and the Master Plan... We want to be very organized so that we can look at all angles and see what's best for the school and then actually present it to the administrators," Miller said.

Until a formal recycling program is passed, Miller and other student volunteers will continue to collect glass and plastic every other Friday. The success of the recycling efforts is dependent upon the amount of volunteers. Miller is optimistic that her fellow students will become involved, she said.

"So far from the response that I've had, this year student recycling is going to be really successful... I think we can really get somewhere if we organize ourselves. We can show the administration that campus-wide recycling would be beneficial in both the short and long run," Miller said.

Senior Katie Bacon, who has been a life-long recycler, encourages other students to volunteer.

"It would be great if more people got involved. You don't just want to push it off for other people to do... I'm hoping that more people will recognize that they have to take care of their own backyard, to just take responsibility," Bacon said.

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7-8:15pm 10/29-12/10 RSRC 532
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ND conference to address sex scandal

A conference to serve as University forum on scandal

Five Notre Dame faculty members will join Commonweal editor Margaret O'Brien Steinfels on Monday in the University's McKenna Hall auditorium for a conference on the sexual abuse scandal recently afflicting the Catholic Church.

The conference, titled "Restoring Trust: Perspectives After Dallas," will begin at 4:30 p.m. with an introduction by Notre Dame president Edward Malloy, C.S.C., followed by a panel discussion on "Dallas and Beyond: The Experience and the Future."

The panelists include Steinfels; Scott Appleby, professor of history and director of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; and Father Richard McBrien, Crowley-O'Brien Professor of Theology at Notre Dame.

A panel discussion on "Emerging Issues for the Church" will begin at 7:30 p.m. The panelists, all Notre Dame faculty, will be Gerard Bradley, professor of law; Mary Rose D'Angelo, associate professor of theology; and Father Brian Daley, Catherine Huisking Professor of Theology.

Steinfels and Appleby were prominent speakers at the June 14 meeting in Dallas where the Catholic bishops of the nation adopted a controversial "zero tolerance" policy for all past and present sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The policy requires Vatican approval to become Church law and consequently binding in all dioceses. Yesterday, an anonymous Vatican official told The Associated Press that the Holy See would issue its response to the policy Oct. 10 or Oct. 11.

Since reports of sexual abuse among clergy began rocking the American church in January, at least 300 of the nation's 46,000 priests have been removed from their ministries, and many bishops have been criticized for inadequately responding to reports of abuse.

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INDONESIA

Attack in Bali night club sparks al-Qaida fears

Associated Press

BALI

Terrorists tried Sunday to flee this island paradise in Indonesia, with the death toll from a pair of bombings climbing to 187 and fears growing that al-Qaida has taken its terror campaign to the world's largest Muslim country.

Many of those killed by the two bombs that tore through a nightclub district on Bali island Saturday were Australians as well as other foreigners from Canada, Britain, Germany and Sweden. Two Americans were killed, while three were among the more than 300 people injured.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombings — the worst terrorist attack in Indonesia's history — but suspicion turned to al-Qaida and an affiliated group, Jemaah Islamiyah, which wants to establish a pan-Islamic state across Malaysia, Indonesia and the southern Philippines. It is accused of plotting to blow up other embassies in Singapore.

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Citizens have faith in police to find Virginia sniper

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md.

Investigators hunting an increasingly brazen sniper defended their meager release of information, saying Sunday they didn't want the killer to know what they knew.

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"All the buildings in the vicinity just collapsed, cars overturned and debris from the buildings fell on them," he said, without giving his hometown.

Ivy Coast city captured by rebels

Rebel fighters captured a major city in Ivory Coast's cocoa belt Sunday, dealing a heavy blow to the government even as peace envoy reported progress in talks to end the fighting. The town of Duekoue, a western city of 160,000 people, was a key victory for the rebels because it is the heartland of embattled Ivorian President Laurent Gbagbo's Bete tribe.

Iraq to vote on Hussein's re-election

The victory rallies are set and the tributes are in for the dominant candidate, with the only cliffhanger in Tuesday's elections is whether the two-decade Iraqi leader will beat his last showing: 99.96 percent. In Iraq, where many believe war with the United States is coming, that 1995 result for Saddam is now seen as somewhat tepid.

National News Briefs

Bush Iraq coalition lacks broad base

President Bush promises to be at the helm of a "vast coalition" against Iraq. Unlike his father's 31-nation force for the Persian Gulf War, however, it is a coalition slow to gather and lacking in marquee players. Bulgaria has anted up an air-base commitment. Lebanon will not. Qatar is upgrading its rights to U.S. fighter jets. Qatar is upgrading its rights to U.S. fighter jets.

Historian Stephen Amrose dead at 66

Stephen E. Ambrose, a once-obscure history professor catapulted to prominence by his best-selling books that made aging World War II veterans hometown heroes again, died Sunday of lung cancer. He was 66.

Family members were with Ambrose, a longtime smoker who was diagnosed in April, when he died at a Bay St. Louis, Miss., hospital, said his son, Hugh.

Boston mobster's condos to be sold

The government held open houses Sunday at five properties confiscated from a convicted mobster who is going on the auction block. The condominiums were seized last year after Stephan "The Ruffman" Flemmi began serving a 10-year sentence for extortion and money laundering. He still faces charges for his alleged role in 12 murders.

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Longshoremen strike over

**Companies gain advantage in labor dispute**

**Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO

Longshoremen are back at work after a 10-day lockout, but who's in charge on the West Coast docks?

Historically, while other unions have withered, dockworkers in 29 major Pacific ports have stood strong against the shipping lines and terminal operators that transport more than $300 billion worth of cargo each year.

The balance of power changed — at least temporarily — this week when President Bush ordered dockworkers back to the waterfront.

Although it was a lockout by shipping companies and not a dockworker strike that Bush ended, his invoking of the Taft-Hartley Act gave employers the ability to drag the dockworkers' union before a federal judge on charges of deliberately slowing the pace of work.

It's powerful leverage, given that Taft-Hartley's 80-day "cooling-off" period lets the shipping lines clear the cargo-loaded docks during the all-important holiday import and fall harvest export seasons.

But Saturday morning radio address, Bush said he had to end the lockout which he said was costing the nation up to $1 billion a day in lost business and lost jobs.

"We simply cannot afford to have hundreds of billions of dollars a year in potential manufacturing and agricultural trade sitting idle," Bush said in his Saturday morning radio address.

"The action I took this week will help keep our economy moving and allow labor and management more time to resolve their differences."

More time, but surely less motivation for a union angry once federal working "at a normal pace," as required by the judge who implemented Bush's Taft-Hartley request.

Longshoremen say the docks were congested by the lockout and they are doing the best they can. Union officials also point out that employers have rejected their requests to train more registered workers, which would swell their current ranks of about 10,500 members.

National labor groups say hard feelings over Taft-Hartley will invigorate their organizing for next month's midterm elections.

No West Coast contests are close enough for organized labor to target, said Steve Rosenthal, political director for the AFL-CIO.

Enron a shadow of former self

Associated Press

HOUSTON

A year after Enron Corp.'s public facade as a thriving global energy behemoth began to crumble, only hints of those heady days remain in the company's 50-story headquarters.

Former chairman Kenneth Lay's corner office on the top floor, with its view of the city skyline — and what used to be called the Field, before the embarrassed Houston Astros changed the name — is vacant.

The 2,000 workers left in the building that once housed 7,500 are consolidated on half-empty floors. The Starbucks in the lobby remains open, but lines of Java lovers are rare: most of Enron's now-14,000 workers worldwide work at the company's pipelines and power plants.

The cavernous board room for 15 directors is too spacious for the current slate of just four directors, none of whom were around for the financial sleight of hand that led to Enron's demise.

Interim chief executive Stephen Cooper, a restructuring expert, uses former CEO Jeffrey Skilling's office, which faces Enron's smaller twin building. Intended to showcase its once-envied trading operation, the bankrupt company last week sold the tower for less than half its $240 million construction cost.

"It's not the same company," spokeswoman Karen Denne said.

But what Enron, No. 7 on the Fortune 500 list two years ago, retains is the image of corporate malfeasance it earned Oct. 16, 2001, when it revealed a $6.18 billion loss and eliminated $1.2 billion of shareholder equity.

Those revelations opened the door to an elaborate knot of partnerships and off-balance-sheet debts that quickly fueled Enron's failure.

Members of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union walk with signs near an entrance to Port of Los Angeles docks in Long Beach, Calif., Tuesday. A four-month longshoremen strike over wage demands kept shipping lines and terminal operators from moving cargo.

Freeze before loading machinery on the waterfront in San Francisco Bay on Friday, Nov. 16, 2001. The longshoremen walked with the signs on Tuesday when they ended a strike over wage demands. (AP Photo/Noah Berger)
There's absolutely nothing in the world quite like Las Vegas, and there's absolutely no way to experience it quite like doing so with your mother. Oh sure, it's nice, this being her very-delayed-thanks-to-Sept.-11 graduation present for me, but all the same, it's strange seeing your mom looking over your shoulder at the blackjack tables. "Hey, split those eights, kiddo. We're getting lunch, you want something to eat?" Oh, hey, dealer bust Roothy!

But yet, there we were at the South Bend Regional Airport at about 5:15 a.m. Thursday morning, watching her husband — my stepfather — being inappropriately touched by airport security personnel. Evidently, they thought he, a specialist mechanic, represented enough of a security threat to require frisking. Meanwhile, I couldn't win didly. It was getting so bad that I nearly fudged a security guy to grope my crotch as a prank.

On the way to the airport, I won one damn nickel. It was my first win in a month. I had lost $100 to $150 a day on the blackjack machines. I was having so much fun (and enjoying wonderfully uninhibiting drinks offered to me for free by lovely waitresses) that I didn't notice when my luck went cold and I was starting to lose money. Attempts to dig myself out of the hole only resulted in sinking further, except for blackjack, in which I finished S$5 ahead.

My one shining success came at the sportsbooks. Faced with the difficult choice of betting on the Florida State-Miami game or the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game or both, I decided to let it ride and plunk down $50 on Notre Dame to cover. Thankfully, Ty's lad scored a touchdown in the closing minutes to lead by eight; the final interception sealed it, and I doubled my $50 simply because Notre Dame covered the seven-point spread. God bless you, boys. (Oh, I would still have been happy if they won by one point.)

But of course, gambling is only one facet of the Las Vegas experience, and really not even the best. While tourists are advised to go to a bunch of different casinos to diversify their experience, I learned pretty early on that it was basically all the same, only with a different decor. The Excalibur, where we stayed, looked like a castle and has a medieval look to it; whereas the adjacent Luxor is pyramid-shaped and has an ancient Egyptian motif. Anyway, there are also the shows, which can be broadly divided into two categories: "adult" and "everything else." (If I had won a ton of money here, I would have financed a show featuring naked women doing magic. It would kill.)

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Irish-British conflict kills Blair's political credibility

The performances in Parliament and Blackpool of Prime Minister Blair and Foreign Secretary Straw about the use of force against Iraq gave a new lease to those time-honored English values of hypocrisy and arrogance. No doubt some were convinced of the need for force, but is Britain, with its track record of deceit and violence in Ireland, in any position to consider a new course?

Prime Minister Blair asked the Speaker to call a special session of Parliament to present the case for using force against Saddam. As the debate began, British Information Services released 50-page reports which, according to Blair, chronicled "the 11-year history of the United Nations which failed, lies told by Saddam."

I have been waiting for 30 years for the British to tell the truth over their murderous rampage which cost 14 innocent Catholics their lives. A British Tribunal has gathered tons of evidence that fills rooms with Bloody Sunday, and yet, with a 50-page report, Mr. Blair would rain death and destruction on the Iraqi people.

The reasons Blair gave for a "regime change" in Iraq invite a comparison between Sadaam and Britain's treachery in Ireland.

1. Execution of Dr. Patrick Devoy - The Prime Minister spoke of the execution of an Iraqi obstetrician who was critical of the corruption in health services in Iraq. In Northern Ireland, Patrick Flinnac and Rosemary Nelson were solicitors who were critical of and exposed the corruption and lawlessness of British forces. British security services gave weapons, money, data and a free pass to loyalist gunmen who executed them both in front of their families and neighbors.

2. Saddam Hussein's stonewalling - The Iraqi dictator is depicted as "constantly obstructing investigations" and with a long record of "intransigence" and "duplicity.

Nearly 30 years ago, four no-warning bombs detonated on Dublin's Grafton Street with the help of British intelligence agents. They killed 32 and injured hundreds. The British government was implicated from the start and it has refused to cooperate in the Irish investigation or arrest suspects in the case through British police. Dr. Reid, the Northern Ireland Secretary, stated that the latest requests for data by the Irish government would be "treated seriously."

3. United Nations Charter - Considerable discourse is given to the obligations of members of the United Nations with respect to the Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights. The Foreign Secretary stated, 'There will always be some who will reject or despise the values upon which international law is based.'

No nation in Western Europe comes close to the British in the amount and quality of professionals involved in human rights.

It is this British regard for U.N. obligations, that the unlawful killing of unarmed suspects, politicians and children is steeped in deceit, cover-ups and even protected by government-issued Public Immunity Certificates.

4. The British Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) - Prime Minister Blair notes that the report was prepared by the Joint Intelligence Committee which has served British prime ministers for over 20 years. This is the same crowd that in 1972 turned a peaceful civil rights protest in Ireland into an armed uprising. The JIC has probably given more data to loyalist assassins than to any Prime Minister. There are currently three British police officers trying to sort out the corruption and failed intelligence of the security services in Northern Ireland. This does not inspire confidence in the quality of the JIC's conclusions. Perhaps that explains why they filter the IRA ceasefire there are still more British troops deployed in Ireland than in any other place in the world.

A case may be made for the preemptive use of force in Iraq, but some other nation should make it. Britain's history of treachery and deceit in Ireland discredits the very cause of truth, justice and freedom which is essential for defining a course of action to end the rule of Saddam.
Scene looks at some of the social justice activist groups at the University of Notre Dame.

By LINDSAY UPDIKE
Scene Writer

Hippies. Tree-huggers. Left-wingers. Radicals. Traditionally, mainstream American culture has looked down its nose at the activist scene. Social and political activists are often times labeled as dissidents, troublemakers, and now, in the face of war with Iraq, a threat to national security.

Historically, however, the United States has evolved itself through the exhausting efforts of activists. The framers of the Constitution were activists, in a sense. They gathered with a vision of how things should be. "The Federalist Papers" were published in an active campaign to shape the development of the United States most effectively and justly. Martin Luther King, Jr. and every other American who participated in any capacity in the Civil Rights Movement were activists.

Social action groups on the campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College have adopted the view that action can and will instigate change where injustices exist and they want to invite other students to get involved.

"It's important for everyone to be a visible sign of their beliefs and to always be seeking ways to improve themselves and their communities." - Brian Hart
Pax Christi member

On Thursday, October 10, the four largest action-oriented social justice organizations from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses Amnesty International, Pax Christi, Peace Coalition, and the Progressive Student Alliance held a rally on Fieldhouse Mall.

Speakers included members from each of these groups and the Notre Dame Green Party as well as Father Michael Baxter, the chairman of the recently-revived Catholic Peace Fellowship, which is now based at Notre Dame, and Dr. Ivy Wilson, a faculty member with experience in campus organizing.

The speakers, leafletting and live folksy music from student Paul Kellner aimed to increase awareness among students, faculty and staff about the existence of missions and campaigns of campus activist groups.

"Many students don't realize that we're here," said one organizer of the rally. "Of those who are aware of our presence, some misunderstand our objectives. We want to reach out and build a more powerful base of social consciousness and action on these campuses."

How can students become involved with issues that interest them?

Amnesty International

Think activism isn't mainstream?

Think again.

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College chapter of Amnesty International contributes a handful of socially conscious student activists to the organization's 1.1 million-member count.

Amnesty International is world-renowned over 160 countries and territories have chapters for its action of behalf of human rights. Founded in 1961, Amnesty received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977.

Amnesty International is worldwide movement of people acting on the conviction that governments must not deny people their basic human rights. The group mobilizes concerned individuals throughout the world to free prisoners of conscience, end extra-judicial executions, ensure just trials for political prisoners and abolish torture, the death penalty and other acts that they believe are cruel toward prisoners.

Amnesty conducts much of its action through letter-writing campaigns. Amnesty functions and finds overwhelming success by what they call "generating mass global pressure."

Students interested in joining Amnesty International are invited to attend meetings, which are held on Mondays at 7:45 p.m. in the Lounge Center for Social Concerns.

"It's about increasing people's faith in their prayers and in their actions working to rid themselves and their country of violence." - Brian Hart
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Notre Dame Greens

A look at the information provided by the Notre Dame Green Party reveals that this independent political party shifts the focus away from rhetoric and toward a politics of action. The list of the ten key values of the Green Party includes the promotion of grassroots democracy, social justice and equal opportunity, ecological wisdom, nonviolence, decentralization of wealth and power, community-based economics and economic justice, feminism and gender equality, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility.
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Groups on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses

Peace* vigil.

Pax Christi meets on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in the lounge of the Center for Social Concerns lounge.

Peace Coalition

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Peace Coalition is also a peace action organization, but it differs from Pax Christi in two fundamental ways.

First, it is an ad hoc group of the Center for Social Concerns, working directly in response to the events of Sept. 11 and in opposition to the U.S.'s military response. Members of the Peace Coalition do not agree with the military actions, not necessarily all wars. There are a variety of motivations for students and faculty joining this group.

Second, the Peace Coalition is secular. Some students choose to join only one of these peace action groups, and others join both. The premise behind the Peace Coalition is that it is impossible to achieve international stability and peace through violence. Through social and academic activism, the organization works to foster awareness about the implications that they feel come with forceful actions and try to show their response.

The group uses a variety of tactics. For example, last year, with the support of the other campus social action groups, the Peace Coalition set up a camp on South Quad and slept outdoors on a snowy night to raise awareness about the plight of Afghan refugees.

Many members also participate in rallies and marches in South Bend and in Washington, D.C. Currently the group is organizing with other area universi-
Another missed FSU kick gives Miami victory

Miami's defense held on to a 28-24 lead after the Seminoles' fourth-quarter touchdown.

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LSU 36, Florida 7

Just when Florida thought it couldn't get any worse, another Saturday rolled around.

This time, it was unheralded Matt Mauck and No. 18 LSU picking on Ron Zook's woeful, 16th-ranked Gators — scoring in almost every way imaginable for a 36-7 victory.

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Now, the Gators (4-3, 2-2) are relegated to playing out the string aiming not for the kind of things they sought when Spurrier was here — like SEC titles and winning with pizzazz.

Instead, Zook will be trying to hold onto his job. And the way his team is playing, the Gators will be lucky to finish with a winning record and a trip to a bowl game.

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Associated Press

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Angels are bound for baseball's heaven

ANAHEIM, Calif. — As players jumped around the infield and thousands of screaming fans pounded their plastic sticks together in a wondrous drumbeat, the reality was sinking in.

With the help of Adam Kennedy's newfound power, Anaheim finally made it to the World Series, where no Angels' team had gone before.

And then thoughts turned to the late Gene Autry, Hollywood's singing cowboy and the team's founding owner, who wasn't there to see it.

"I know Mr. Autry's smiling up there, and I'm so happy that Jackie's here to enjoy it with us," Tim Salmon said. "To be with this organization as long as I have, and to feel the emptiness of the fans all these years, and the pain and frustration, it's like we're paving a new road here." In the movies, Autry's horse was named Champion. Now his team is, too.

After 41 seasons of frustration, and four years after Autry's death, the Angels finally got that final out. Hail-who! They did it.

Kennedy, a No. 9 hitter with little previous pop for power, had three home runs, four flies and five RBIs, the most heavily game of his baseball career.

Just minutes after the Angels had squandered another post-season lead, bringing back all those painful playoff memories, Kennedy broke out the biggest Thunder Stick of all — a 34-inch, 32-ounce Louisville Slugger.

His first homer started the comeback, his second gave Anaheim a short-lived one-run lead. And then came his third, a three-run, go-ahead drive in a 10-run seventh inning Sunday. The Angels humiliated those resilient Minnesota Twins 13-5 to win the AL championship series in five games.

The Angels will try on the World Series saddle for the first time Saturday when they open at home against San Francisco or St. Louis. A picture of Autry, Hollywood's "Singing Cowboy" turned-baseball owner, was hanging throughout the weekend on a banner behind home plate and no doubt will be there next weekend.

"This was a goal of Gene's all of his life in baseball, and the fact that he was not here to see it personally, I know he was watching it from somewhere," said his widow, Jackie, who gave the AL trophy to manager Mike Scioscia in her role as honorary league president.

"His inspiration is what really drove this team," she said. "Guys like Tim Salmon and Troy Percival and the other young men on this ballclub who knew Gene Autry wanted to get it done."

Anaheim had just wasted a 3-2 lead in the sixth when Kennedy's three-run drive off Johan Santana erased a 5-3 deficit and made him just the fifth player to homer three times in a postseason game.

"Oh, man. This is tremendous," said Kennedy, the series MVP. "We worked hard the last few years to bring it all together and we finally got it done."

The Angels, who joined the major leagues in 1961, blew past the New York Yankees to win their first-round series 3-1, then humiliated the Twins in a seventh inning that saw 15 batters come to the plate against Santana, J.C. Romero, LaTroy Hawkins and Bob Wells.

Anaheim, whose playoff hopes had seemed bleak following a 6-14 start, tied post-season records with the 10-run inning and six consecutive hits — something the Angels also did against the Yankees.

The "rally monkey" never even had time to make an appearance.

"They're on a roll," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Those guys, they just keep playing. And they keep swinging. Goodness gracious, I don't know if I've ever seen an inning like that."

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Twins manager

Gardenhire said, "Those guys, they just keep playing. And they keep swinging. Goodness gracious, I don't know if I've ever seen an inning like that. We couldn't get anybody out. They were hitting balls through holes, or bullets."

Anaheim, long the second banana in Southern California to the Los Angeles Dodgers, had been one of only seven major league franchises without a pennant. No more.

It's the biggest game of my life," said Kennedy, who has 23 regular-season homers in four major league seasons and four in this year's playoffs. "I'm going to enjoy this for a while and then get back to work."

Twice before, the Angels had been one victory from the World Series but failed to make it. They lost three straight to Milwaukee in 1982 and three in a row to Boston four years later, when they were one strike away before Dave Henderson's home run off Donnie Moore.

"Everybody is making a big deal of the 1982 and 1986 teams. We had nothing to do with that," said Scott Spiezio, who had three hits and three RBIs.

When David Eckstein caught the final out — just as he did in the division series — he ran over to Kennedy and tapped him on the shoulder, then danced with Salmon.

The Angels jumped on each other in a mob between first base and the mound. Fans cheered as Salmon, in his 110 Angels season and the team's senior member, ran around with the AL championship trophy. Percival joined his teammates for a lap around the field.
**NFL**

**Rams' first win is Raiders' first loss**

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

One quick possession was all Marc Bulger needed to calm his frayed nerves and give the St. Louis Rams a lead they'd never relinquish.

The third-string quarterback, who came into the league two years ago as an obscure sixth-round draft choice, threw three touchdown passes and ran for another in his first NFL action Sunday as the Rams won their first game 28-13 over previously unbeaten Oakland.

"If you know you can play, you don't have to worry about it," Bulger said. "You'll get your chance."

Marshall Faulk, who was slowed by back spasms against the 49ers last week, showed his familiar form by running for a season-high 158 yards. His daring 32-yard run, which followed a Lewis interception of Rich Gannon's pass, put the ball at the Oakland 1 with 11:20 left.

Bulger, who started in place of injured second stringer Jamie Martin, scored on the next play to give the defending NFC champions (1-5) a 7-3 lead. The touchdown triggered thunderous cheers from a crowd that hadn't seen its team win a home game since last Jan. 6.

Kurt Warner, the NFL MVP in 1999 and 2001, is out with a broken finger, but he was the first person to hug Bulger as he trotted off the field.

"For (Jerry Rice) to be 40 years old and still be out there playing every snap and not coming out of the game and just doing what he's done since he [was] 23 is just unbelievable," Dre' Bly Rams cornerback with Terry Kirby for a 2-yard TD to get the Raiders to 28-13 with 5:06 to go.

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**Associated Press**

"You can't say enough about a guy who comes in in such a big game and plays with such poise," Warner said. "He played the way he had to play to win this football game.

Bulger finished 14-of-21 for 186 yards and three touchdowns, with no interceptions.

The Rams (4-1), who entered the game leading the NFL at 60.5 points and 461.5 yards a game, had only two field goals and 229 yards through the first three quarters.

The dismal performance didn't stop Jerry Rice, who caught seven passes for 133 yards on his 40th birthday.

"That is amazing for a guy who has done it as long as he has," said Rams cornerback Dre' Bly. "For him to be 40 years old and still be out there playing every snap and not coming out of the game and just doing what's done since he's 23 is just unbelievable."

Rice caught a 53-yard pass on the game's first play, which actually led to a momentum-turning defensive stop by St. Louis.

On fourth-and-1 from the St. Louis 3, Zack Crockett was stopped for no gain by linebacker Tommy Polley, who had missed the two previous games with an injury.

Bulger then guided the Rams 97 yards in just nine plays. He hit Isaac Bruce for 17 yards with his first NFL pass, then connected with Terry Holt for 50 yards on his second. On his third pass Bulger found Bruce in the corner of the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown.

Bulger, a star at West Virginia who was originally drafted by the Saints, said the deep pass to Holt did wonders for his confidence.

"Torry's so fast, I think he can get on a roll here," Gannon threw for 332 yards, falling short of becoming the first NFL passer to have at least 350 in four straight games. He connected with Terry Kirby for a 2-yard TD to get the Raiders to 28-13 with 5:06 to go.

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New York's Antonio McDyess poses at a press conference after signing with the Knicks earlier this year. The power forward may miss the entire season with a fractured kneecap he suffered Saturday.

New York's new signee may miss season

Associated Press

Could the New York Knicks' preseason take a worse turn than it reportedly has Sunday? Power forward Antonio McDyess is expected to miss "most, if not the entire season" with a knee injury he suffered in a preseason loss Saturday night, the New York Daily News reports on its Web site.

The Daily News cites a person close to McDyess who put it this way: "We talked for over an hour. Now they're going to make a decision."

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NBA

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Reports say Pinella could get contract release

Seattle manager Lou Pinella will be released from the final year of his contract if he does not want to return to the Mariners, The New York Times reported Sunday.

A baseball official told the newspaper the Mariners would release Pinella from his $6.8 million contract if he made the request.

The Seattle Times reports on its Web site Saturday night that Pinella has asked out of the final year of his contract.

Pinella made the formal request Friday during a meeting in Tampa, Fla., with three Seattle team officials, including CEO Howard Lincoln. "I asked them if I could be allowed to get closer to home," Pinella told The Seattle Times from his home in Tampa. "We had an amicable meeting, as amicable as amicable can be. We talked for over an hour. Now they're going to make a decision."

Mariners president Chuck Armstrong accompanied Lincoln and general manager Pat Gillick to Florida and said the team had not yet granted Pinella's request.

In Brief

The Knicks announced the news Sunday, a day after McDyess went down clutching his left knee with a 1.55 remaining in a preseason loss to the Phoenix Suns. The injury was initially diagnosed as a hyperextension, but an MRI exam revealed the fracture.

"Naturally, he's totally disappointed and somewhat devastated," coach Don Chaney said. In three preseason games, the 6-9 forward averaged 17.7 and 13.0 rebounds.

The injury happened to the same knee that was operated on last season, sidelining McDyess for all but 10 games. Knicks president Scott Layden said McDyess will likely have surgery, and the only time frame he provided was that McDyess will be out "for an extended period."

He is the second Knicks starter to be sidelined by an injury. Latrell Sprewell arrived for training camp with a broken hand, and the Knicks fined him $250,000 and told him to stay away from the team for failing to report the injury in a timely manner.

Sprewell is not expected to return until mid-November at the earliest, and there's no telling when he might eventually team up with McDyess. McDyess will get a second opinion, and a course of treatment will then be determined. Layden said there was no damage to the patella tendon that was repaired a year ago.

"Our medical staff feels this is not a career-threatening injury," Layden said. "The injury happened suddenly in the closing minutes of an otherwise meaningless game. After dunking a miss by teammate Howard Eisley, McDyess fell to the floor clutching his left knee.

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was nice seeing her on the field again." The return of junior defender Melina Tancredi was also crucial to Irish defensive effort, which did not allow a shot by the Huskies in the second half. "Tancredi stepped up huge today," said Waldrum. "We document our heading battles and she won 18 and didn’t lose any. Also Mary Boland did a great job of marking Sarah Popper out of the game, which is one of their key people. It really was a great team effort."

Notre Dame’s first score came early in the second half. Warner and Candace Chapman initiated the sequence before Chapman played a lead to freshman Katie Thorlakson. Her shot from the close left wing got by Connecticut goalkeeper Maria Yatrakis for her first goal of the season. The second goal for the Irish came on a corner kick from Guertin. Guertin played a perfect kick into the box for Bandi Scheller whose header gave the Irish their first lead. Thirteen minutes later the Irish struck again on almost the same play. Guertin placed another kick into the box that this time was headed in by Tancredi for the 3-1 lead. "Amanda Guertin, on the two corner kick goals that we got, she placed them right where we needed them," said Waldrum. "In the second half when we needed to do it right, she did it right."

Despite out-playing the Huskies in the first half, Notre Dame went into the locker room down 1-0 on a goal by Salla Ranta with just under five minutes left. "Everyone was still positive at halftime," said Warner of the halftime deficit. "We acknowledged that we were playing better. We were still confident." The schedule does not get any easier for the Irish, who were playing in their third straight ranked team. Next up is a trip to No. 9 Michigan on Thursday. "We have to take each game one at a time," said Guertin. "Every team we play is good, but we have to take care of business." Notes:

The Irish won their 43rd consecutive home game against Big East opponents.

Defenders Tancredi, Pruznisky and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir are not expected to return this season due to injury. They join freshman Annie Schefer, who has missed the entire season due to an ACL injury.

Guertin’s two assists added to her team leading total of seven.

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ND WOMENS GOLF

Irish shuffle lineup, look for consistency

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

For the fourth consecutive tournament the women’s golf team will be having the same goal: to finish a tournament with a 312 per round average. Coach Debby King will lead her team to the Marilynn Smith Sunflower Invitational today and Tuesday in Wichita, Kan., as part of the 16-team field.

"This is a medium field, probably a little stronger than our home field tournament," said King. "I'd like to see us be in the top five and to continue to strive for 312 consistently."

The Irish will also continue their lineup shuffling for this weekend’s event, as all of the golfers have continued to shuffle through the lineup. "It's hard to pick [the five golfers who get to travel each week]," said King. "I don't know who's going to play [from week to week]. Rebecca Rogers has really started coming on strong and playing well of late." Rogers, a junior coming off her best performance of the season last week, will lead the Irish from the No. 1 position. Also traveling to Kansas are freshman Katie Brophy, sophomore Karen Lotta, junior Shannon Byrne, and freshman Sarah Basset.

King’s decisions are made more difficult because golf is one of the few team sports that does not allow any kind of substitution once the competition begins. She is forced to decide who will play before the team leaves for any given tournament, then has no recourse if someone struggles.

"It's kind of frustrating that everyone can't get it together at the same time," said King. "Someone might have a good round and someone else has a bad one. But we're a young team and it is going to take us more tries to get experience."

The golfers hope to put it all together this week in Kansas.

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Irish finish season at Head of the Rock

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dominated the open eight race with third-, fifth- and seventh-place finishes Sunday at the Head of the Rock Regatta.

The Irish first varsity eight of Cassie Markstahler, Natalie Ladine, Ashley Warren, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Alice Bartek, Elizabeth Spechi, Erica Drennen, Kerri Murphy and Katleen Welsh rowed the 2.7 miles course in 15:56.6.

Wisconsin’s A crew was first with a time of 15:46, followed by Iowa in second at 15:55.

The second eight of Kathryn Long, Kati Sedun, Becky Lackey, Casey Buckstaff, Meg play anyline, Diane Price, Rachel Polinski, Katie Chomontevich and Melissa Felker finished in fifth, while the crew of Maureen Gibbons, Katie O’Hara, Shannon Mohan, Meredith Thornburgh, Christine Donnelly, Sarah Palendech, Kristin Henkel, Sarah Keffer and Megan Sanders took seventh place. The fourth varsity eight of Rebecca Campbell, Kristin Mizer, Courtney Quinn, Katherine McCalden, Devon Hegeman, Antoinette Duck, Jenna Froberg, Danielle Scialy and Ann Mulligan came in 18th.

Notre Dame likewise had a strong showing in the open four, as the crew of Rackish Mohan, Thornburgh, Donnelly and Palendech clinched first, while the team of Markstahler, Buckstaff, Boyle, Sedun and Felker finished third.

The Irish also dominated in the pairs as it secured four of the top eight places and six of the top 16.

The team of Warren and Murphy were second, followed by the duo of Dillhoff and Bartek in third. Ladine and Welsh were seventh and Price and Lackey finished eighth.

The Head of the Rock Regatta completes the team’s open season, and

The Irish will host Michigan State (8-4) at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Problems will continue if you don't sit down and have a heart-to-heart talk with the one you love. You have probably neglected your family in order to get ahead professionally. Now's the time to make up for your mistakes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do something special with the whole family. You need to spend time together. Whether your outing is an educational nature or strictly for exercise, everyone will benefit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Children's activities may cost you dearly. Remember, you don't have to spend a lot to have fun. Some of your new friends may not be that trustworthy. Stay alert.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should take time to do things with children. Uncertainties about your relationship may play on your mind. Consider all the alternatives. You may want to get some legal advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel a little under the weather. Don't exert yourself. Stay home and help youngsters prepare for festivities. Do a bit of surroundings. It may be time to put some energy into a little redecorating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get busy. You should be making as many of your research on a project you've been working on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be overly sensitive to criticism of your home. You aren't the neatest individual, but you do appreciate nice surroundings. It may be time to put some energy into a little redecorating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's time to discard old junk. Have a garage sale and put the money you make into a travel fund. This is an ideal time for you to take a relaxing trip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have to make a fast financial decision. Don't involve too many others in your planning or it could slow you down. Set a cash figure in your mind and refuse to go over that amount.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your partner goad you into pouring your heart out. Try to find a place where you will not be disturbed by anyone. You need more time to think this through.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time for you to shake things up a little, not just your love life. This is an ideal time for you to think about your future. Don't be afraid to change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lessons and borrowing may present a problem. A friendship will suffer if money becomes an issue. Your desire to get away may lead you into greater debt.

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Warner and the second-half goals to top game, but everyone knew how important this more intensity and heart today.

By ANDY TROEGER

Down 1-0 at halftime, the Irish women's soccer team knew that the second half of their game against Connecticut was crucial in their effort to start a late-season surge.

Their play in that second half might send them on the way toward that goal. Notre Dame dominated the second half, scoring three goals on nine shots — while holding the Huskies scoreless — for a 3-1 victory.

"Everybody was really focused," said junior forward Amy Warner. "We really played with more intensity and heart today."

"We didn't say much about it before the game, but everyone knew how important this game was to us," said fellow junior Amanda Guertin. "We felt that if everyone does their part individually then the team as a whole will win and do well."

The game marked the return of Irish senior midfielder Ashley Dryer, who had missed the past few weeks with nagging injuries.

"Dryer is so composed and brings such a calming effect into our midfield," said coach Randy Waldrum. "She's still not 100 percent, but I think she makes a world of difference."

**Irish forward Amy Warner chases the ball upfield in a recent game. Warner and the Irish scored three goals in the second half Sunday to upset No. 8 Connecticut 3-1.**

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**Men make big strides in Big East with 1-0 overtime road victory over No. 15 Boston College**

By BRYAN KRONK

One goal has never meant so much so often to the Irish.

In the fourth and final road game in a span of 16 days for the Notre Dame mens soccer team, a goal by Luke Boughen 3:36 into overtime propelled the Irish to a 1-0 upset of No. 15 Boston College on Saturday.

"It was a big win for us," Boughen said.

"Some of the guys were talking about how [a loss] might knock us out of NCAA contention."

The victory for the Irish — their third over a ranked opponent this season — puts them back in the mix for a home game in the Big East quarterfinals in November.

Notre Dame won the meet by swimming hard right at the beginning," said coach Randy Waldrum. "She's still not 100 percent, but I think she makes a world of difference."

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**Irish women score three second-half goals to top No. 8 Connecticut 3-1**

By ANDY TROEGER

Notre Dame won four of the first five races and cruised to a 139-96 victory in their first dual meet of the season.

"At the beginning of the meet, Coach said that he really wanted us to take the meet out and really establish a tone very early in the meet by swimming hard right at the beginning," said fellow sophomore Frank Krakowski said. "That's what we did. Everyone really contributed to the win because we spread the team out a little bit and gave everyone a chance to get a win."

Krakowski led the Irish by winning the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard relay. Fellow sophomore Matt Bertke added a win in the 1,000-yard freestyle.

Krakowski was not surprised Notre Dame won the meet so convincingly.

"Kalamazoo is definitely not one of the toughest teams on our schedule, but it was really nice to win," Krakowski said. "We practiced really hard that day, we swam 5,000 yards and lifted after that. So it was nice to still be able to swim fast after all that."

The Irish rowing squad finished off its fall season with an impressive showing at the Head of the Rock Regatta last weekend.

The Irish travel to Kansas today and Tuesday in hopes of breaking their total score of 312.
Luck of the Irish

Despite a lackluster performance, the Irish eeked out a win Saturday

By JOE LINDSLEY

Luck was on Notre Dame's side as the Irish etched out their sixth win of the season. The 14-6 victory against Pittsburgh on Saturday came in spite of the fact that Pittsburgh controlled the ball the majority of the game and had more than double the total number of Notre Dame offensive yards.

The Panthers finished with 21 first downs and gained 402 yards of total offense, while the Irish, with 10 first downs, were limited to a season-low 185 yards.

Irish head coach Tyronne Willingham, however, would not be so quick to discount the team's performance — a performance that classifies him as only the third coach to start his Notre Dame career 6-0.

"I'm not quite sure I would [say we were outplayed]," Willingham said. "I think the true quality of being outplayed is winning the game, and I think that happened today."

The Irish did so, in part, by keeping Pittsburgh out of the end zone. The Irish defense held Pittsburgh to just two field goals.

"I don't care about the yards — we played a lot of plays, and the more plays you play the more yards you're going to give up," said Irish offensive coordinator Kent Baer. "Keeping them out of the end zone is huge. [Pitt] is an awfully good football team, and I want to emphasize that. They have a very mobile quarterback and great receivers, but we did what we had to do."

Despite the offensive struggles, the Irish were still able to get two touchdowns past Pitt's tough defense. "[Pitt] played hard," running back Ryan Grant said. "I guess they were coached well because it seemed like they had something for us every time. I give a lot of respect to them, but I also give a lot of respect to our offense, because we stuck together. Our offense stepped up and pulled through."

Carlyle Holiday, returning as quarterback after a week or two off, did a very nice job. I expect some key players, including a fourth quarter sack and subsequent fumble recovery which initiated Notre Dame's second scoring drive.

"The front four definitely stepped it up the second half," Carl said. "It seemed like every time [Pitt quarterback Rod Rutherford] dropped back he was scrambling and running for his life back there. That definitely makes our job in the secondary a lot easier."

"The defensive line had a wonderful second half, actually they had wonderful first half," Carl said. "In the second half they were just running around, crawling, scratching, anything to get to the quarterback. That's helps a lot."

With Pitt's defense keeping the Irish offense in check, the Notre Dame defense was dead set on not allowing the Panthers to score again.

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The unbeaten Irish are naturally excited to be winning — they are living their dream, according to Tuck — but they remain realistic.

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But, for Willingham and the Irish, it may not matter how ugly a game is — so long as the end result is a "W."

"We got what we want — a win," Willingham said. "We always love to score, but the win is the most important thing."

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Pittsburgh 3, Notre Dame 0
David Abdul 28-yd. FG with 11:06 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 73 yards, 3:54 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, Pittsburgh 3
Arnez Battle 11-yd. reception from Carlyle Holiday (Nicholas Setta kick) with 3:51 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 83 yards, 4:11 elapsed
Pittsburgh 5, Notre Dame 7
Abdul 24-yd. FG with 0:23 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 58 yards, 1:23 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 14, Pittsburgh 0
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Battle shows flashes of brilliance

By CHRIS FEDERICO

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Saturday a Holiday in South Bend

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Irish cornerback Vontez Duff prepares to tackle Panther wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald Saturday.

Panther linebacker Tez Morris tackles Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday. Although the Irish offensive line provided relatively good protection for Holiday, they failed to open any holes for the Irish run game.

Irish leprechaun Mike Macaluso leads the crowd in cheers during Saturday's game. The crowd was looking for something to cheer about as the Irish only had 185 offensive yards.

Irish senior fullback Tom Lopienski carries the ball as the Pittsburgh sideline looks on. Lopienski had a carry and reception during the 14-6 Irish victory.