Off-campus parties prompt neighborhood outcry

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Frustrated with the effects of late-night student parties spilling onto their property, South Bend residents in neighborhoods heavy with student housing are voicing their concerns to the city and the University.

Game
revives rivalry

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The Irish will kick-off their home opener against Michigan this weekend in a game that brings together college football’s two winningest programs and brings back a flood of memories for fans imbrued in the storied rivalry.

Two years ago, students rushed the field after coach Tyrone Willingham and standout cornerback Shane Walton led the Irish to a 25-23 victory over the visiting Wolverines. Last year, offensive behavior by Michigan fans in Ann Arbor — as well as a 38-0 pounding — left Notre Dame fans with a sour taste in their mouths.

“I went to last year’s Michigan game, and their student section was on fire,” said Stephanie Gharakhanian, co-organizer of the Notre Dame Security/Police. “I think this is great that so many members of the South Bend community are here on campus,” said Stephanie Gharakhanian, co-organizer of the event.

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Candlelight vigil honors 1,000 fallen soldiers

By K. AARON
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News Writer

Carrying candles that cast a soft haze over the photographs of the fallen, members of the Notre Dame community held a vigil Thursday night to honor the 1,000 troops killed in Iraq.

The attendees ranged in opinion and spanned generations.

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Serving with honor
ND grad, Iraq veteran to bear flag at game

By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

Standing on the roof of the St. Joseph County Justice Center in South Bend, Iraq May 25, Danielle Green heard the first rocket hit a nearby building. Instincts and training told her to run for her life.

M-16. She grabbed her weapon and tried to switch the gun from safety to fire to defend herself. But Green never got the chance.

A second rocket zoomed and exploded into Green’s left side. Her body went numb, except for the neck and head. As she tried to sit up, Green realized half her left arm was almost completely mutilated.

“There was ringing in my ears and I couldn’t even hear the other seven rockets go off,” Green said.

Soon, members of her platoon arrived, performed first aid and Green was airlifted to a hospital in Baghdad.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Though both Saint Mary’s students involved in Wednesday’s car-on-bicycle accident escaped with no serious injuries, it is uncertain whether the bicyclist, Theresa Klear, will be able to make her freshman debut as a Fighting Irish Band member.

Klear, 18, was struck by sophomore Ashley Harrison’s car as she biked across State Road 933 from the entrance to Saint Mary’s. Harrison, 19, was driving southbound on 933 at the time and had a green light at the intersection Saint Joseph County Police spokeswoman Jaimee Thirion said.

Harrison confirmed that she had a green light, but Klear, who is suffering some memory loss from the incident, asserted that the traffic signal indicated that she could still cross.

“I remember that I saw the light flashing for me to go, and a group of runners was going in front of me, so I tried to get across behind them,” Klear said.

At the meetings, held Sept. 2 and Tuesday, Rucker and Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Student Affairs, heard complaints of students binge drinking, urinating and defecating on neighbors’ property, running down the streets naked and screaming and shrieking until 4 or 5 a.m.

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"Notre Dame knows how to do football."

My boyfriend's mom asked about ND football weekends, and this is how he responded to her question. Even though he goes to Purdue and has only been to one ND football game here, he could sum up my descriptions with those words.

I spent Labor Day weekend at Purdue with my boyfriend and his family. Not only did I spend the weekend getting to know his parents a bit more, but I was also reacquainted with the college football experience by going to their game. And what I encountered at Purdue made me realize that the Notre Dame football Saturday belongs in a world of its own — a world of purity that I cannot explain.

When we showed up for the game on Sunday, Purdue's stadium area was overwhelmed with commercial vendors selling food, competing radio stations blaring music, and what overall seemed to me to be mass chaos. I stood there in a kind of confused astonishment thinking to myself, "Where's the dorm BBQ stands and the bag-pipers?" The place felt contaminated by an alien invasion as I visualized the simplicity of our campus surrounding a football game.

As we look towards our first football weekend of the season, I look forward to much more than the game. I cannot wait for the boards of alumni and fans that simply stand around Security Federal and catch a ride on it, though, I was not aware of many custom cars. I cannot wait for the "concert on the steps" and the subsequent "march out" that leads us all, like the Pied Piper, into the Stadium. This is only a sampling of the events that I can count on when a football weekend arrives.

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Scholar Series kicks off home game weekend

By KEN WALSH
News Writer

Burgers, brats and books — this unlikely combination can be found before home football games for the third-year running, thanks to the return of the Saturday Scholars series.

Before kick-off, professors from a spectrum of disciplines within the College of Arts and Letters will gather with students, staff, faculty and alumni to give lectures and facilitate discussions on a variety of topics. Mark Roche, dean of Arts and Letters, said that a main reason for creating the series is the concern that alumni coming back for football weekends see the beautiful campus and their old friends, but fail to recognize the intellectual conversation that is the heart of the University.

"In a certain sense it is a special outreach to the alumni. Students have plenty of opportunities to take courses with those people with the selections on campus," Roche said. "The alumni are here and we want to remind them what is attractive about Notre Dame."

Although the lectures are open to everyone, current student interest seems questionable.

"Everyone I’ve talked to thinks the one on "The DaVinci Code" sounds really interesting, but I’ve never gone in the game festivities."

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who will lecture on the differences between Catholic and public schooling systems, disagreed.

"The lectures are scheduled for football Saturdays precisely for the convenience of those people who come to the game," she said. "They take place at a convenient time in the morning, before most game festivities begin."

"It would all depend on how interesting the topic was," senior Laura Fanning said. She would be willing to forego pre-game activities if the lecture at hand seemed more than mildly interesting she Roche said.

The speakers will represent those at the forefront of their field, said Roche. "We have a good number of faculty members who are not only extraordinary scholars, but also work on topics that are interesting to our audience," Roche said.

Scheduled topics include The Dead Sea Scrolls, an analysis of "The DaVinci Code," the life and teachings of theologian and preacher Jonathan Edwards, the difference between Catholic and Public schooling and marital conflict and its effect on children.

All sessions begin three-and-a-half hours before game time and will consist of a 30 to 45 minute lecture, followed by a discussion group in which all in attendance are invited to participate.

The series will take place in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center and is free of charge.

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Fall 2004 Schedule
Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame's most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

9/11 - Michigan
James VanderKam
Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology
"The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins"

9/25 - Washington
Rev. Richard McBrien, Creighon O'Brien Professor of Catholic Theology
"Serious Issues, Professor of English
Robert Coleman, Associate Professor of Art History
"The Da Vinci Code: An Assessment"

10/2 - Purdue
Donald Graton, Professor of Film, Television and Theatre
"The Movie mogul: Joseph P. Kennedy's Film Career"

10/9 - Stanford
George Mason, Francua A. McKinney Professor of History
"Another Kind of Founding Father: Jonathan Edwards and the American Heritage"

10/23 - Boston College
Maeleen Hallinan, William P. & Hazel B. White Professor of Sociology, Director of the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity
"America's Largest Private School System: A Look Inside Catholic Schools"

11/13 - Pittsburgh
E. Mark Cutttings, Notre Dame Chair in Psychology
"Children and Marital Conflict"

Campus gears up for football

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Football Saturdays at Notre Dame, deeply rooted in the University’s tradition and reputation, don’t just happen — they take a lot to put the ‘fight’ in the Fighting Irish.

Months of preparation are involved in creating these renowned weekends, when fans flock to campus from all corners of the world. From the students in the dorms to the chefs at the dining hall to the book store staff, everyone in the community has a hand in making a home game the spectacle it is.

Along with the enormous flow of spectators comes the need for enormous amounts of food. The dining hall staff arrives at 6:30 a.m. to take on the task of feeding an expected 4,500 dinners for brunch. They also prepare 2,000 lbs. of hamburger patties and 1,000 lbs. of brisket to supply the student-run concession stands.

The food service responsibilities continue postgame with the special candlelight dinner in South Dining Hall, which is prepared for a floor of up to 500 students and guests.

"Candlelight is special. We run the lights and try to set the mood," said Tony William, SOD unit chef. "It is not your normal, everyday dining hall experience."

Because a trip to Notre Dame wouldn’t be complete without a piece of Kelly green paraphernalia, more than 100,000 tourists are expected to converge upon Hammes Bookstore.

"There are so many people you can’t see the floor," said event and commission relations manager Hedge Harridge.

Complete with 60 open spots and a pianist playing traditional Notre Dame songs in the background, the bookstore is ready for the onslaught. Extra merchandise has been packed into backpacks and two rented trailers.

The bookstore will also feature special events, including a book signing by University President Father Edward Malloy and a performance by the Notre Dame cheerleaders.

"Some folks have saved up money. This is their Disney World," said Harridge. "They want to bring home souvenirs; we want to give them an amazing experience."

Amidst all the excitement, safety can never be ignored. Notre Dame Security/Police began preparing for the home football games over the summer by hiring 35 South Bend and 42 off-campus police to patrol the stadium.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and subsequent legislation, the stadium and parking areas are even more thoroughly searched.

Beginning at 5:30 am, the NDSP will be working 12-hour shifts, and for the first time have taken on the task of parking the thousands of cars, when once an outside company was paid to do the job.

"With 80,000 people you are going to have some problems," NDSP director Felix Bakov said. "We have a good staff to anticipate problems and react to them."

Each game, NDSP officers approximately 60 people for alcohol-related issues, thrown objects and fighting. The Notre Dame usher team, the yellow-clad staples of home games, is composed of 857 members that hail from 15 different states. Many travel to campus for the weekend, and 550 of them are unpaid volunteers.

While many usher are veterans of the trade, 50 to 60 are hired each year. Head usher Cappy Gagnon said he selects new members based on their expressed love for the ideals of Notre Dame.

"The students who are Ambassadors for ND," said Gagnon.

While their actions might put their names down in the books with all the Notre Dame football greats, the dedicated workers certainly have a hand in writing history.

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Danielle Green arrived in Iraq in January and began running HumVee missions with her unit's commander. She was the gunner — the person who sits in the turret of HumVee operations. But she didn't mind being a gunner with the commander because she rarely went out for missions.

That changed when Green was moved to a different HumVee unit. Once there, she began running missions all day, for eight to 12 hours.

"If the vehicle is going to get hit the gunner's probably going to be the first one, but I was thrilled to death that I was the gunner with the commander," she said. "He's in charge of the entire company so I felt like I was big stuff since I was riding with him. I really didn't feel like I was in that much danger because the commander's team usually doesn't go on a whole lot of missions, so my first couple of months in Iraq relatively peaceful." After being moved to second platoon, Green was injured while running a routine mission. But she has no regrets. She doesn't see her efforts as extraordinary.

"I can't really say I felt I made a difference," Green said. "A lot of people look at me as a hero, but I can't even look at myself as a hero. I was just doing what I had to do."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. fights to restore control

BAGHDAD, Iraq — American warplanes struck militant positions in two insurgent-controlled cities Thursday and U.S. and Iraqi troops quietly took control of a third in a sweeping operation following a spike in attacks against U.S. forces.

More than 50 people were reported killed, most of them in Tal Afar, one of several cities which American officials acknowledged was under insurgent control and become "no-go" zones.

Nine people, including two children, were reported killed in an airstrike in Fallujah against a house which the U.S. command said was used for being used by allies of Jordanian-born terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Bin Laden deputy speaks in tape

Egypt — Osama bin Laden's chief deputy claimed the United States was on the brink of defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan in a videotape broadcast Thursday that appeared to be a rallying call for al-Qaeda ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The defeat of America in Iraq and Afghanistan is a matter of time, with God's help," Ayman al-Zawahri said on the tape, which was broadcast by the pan-Arab television station Al-Jazeera.

"The Americans in both countries are beaten twice, if they continue they bleed to death and if they withdraw they lose everything." A bearded Al-Zawahri, wearing eyeglasses, a white turban and a black vest over a white shirt, spoke looking into the camera.

National News

Hurricane Ivan threatens Fla.

KEY LARGO, Fla. — Tourists and residents of the Florida Keys were sent packing Thursday to avoid the wrath of Hurricane Ivan, even as millions of disaster-stricken residents struggled to pick up the pieces from Hurricanes Frances and Charley.

Forecasters said Ivan could reach the island chain as early as Sunday, making it the third hurricane to strike Florida in a month. The last time three hurricanes hit Florida in a single season was 1964.

Part of Montana capitol evacuated

The evacuation started Thursday when the fourth floor of the Montana Statehouse was cleared after security officials received a warning that explosives might have been planted. At least 13 Westerners and Midwestern governors received envelopes with suspicious contents on Thursday riggers ignite when opened. In Montana, the envelope prompted the evacuation of part of the statehouse.

The envelopes, rigged with matches set to ignite when opened, were sent to the governors of Montana, Idaho, Nebraska, Washington and Utah. There were no reports of injuries.

All the letters appeared to have come from a Detroit, N.Y., security prison in Nevada, where another letter also turned up at the office of the state corrections director.

LOCAL NEWS

City to hire more police officers

BENTON HARBOR, Ind. — The federal government has granted the city $1 million to hire an additional eight police officers in the city, which saw a spike in violent crimes last year, according to the office of U.S. Rep. Fred Upton.

Police Chief Sam Harris said the money will pay for department the bond that needs, putting more officers on the streets to keep the peace.

Harris said his department was understaffed when the riots broke out in June 2003 in Benton Harbor, a city of 11,000 residents to the office of U.S. Rep. Fred Upton.

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The accident was reported at 4:45 p.m. to Saint Mary's security, which responded immediately. Saint Joseph County Police and the Notre Dame Fire Department also responded. Harrison was taken to Memorial Hospital and Klear was taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Harrison reported no injuries, and said she was released around 7 p.m. Her car, however, was not so lucky, and is currently under repair for "a cracked wind- shield and dent."

Klear experienced a major concussion and reportedly blanked out after impact. "My last memory is the car being two feet away from me," she said. "I couldn't even tell you what color it was."

Her knee was also badly scraped and her body is covered in abrasions, she said. After undergoing an extensive testing at the hospital, Klear was released to the care of her parents.

The security office is holding her bike as evidence, so there is no word on its condition.

"I don't look to be using it for quite a while though," she added.

Klear knew of no legal action in the works, but said she just wants everything to "turn out okay."

For the freelance faker, his immediate focus is being able to march onto the field Saturday. "I'm just trying to get myself together so I don't miss this game," she said.

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"It's not just noise — we're concerned for their safety," Rucker said. "If they are doing what they're doing, they could also be prey for harm."

Incidents were concentrated on East Washington Street, Peashway Street, Notre Dame Avenue and the area bordering the Turtle Creek apartment complex, she said, adding that many residents of retirement age or with young children felt forced to move out rather than tolerate the disruptions.

District 4 City Council representative Ann Puzzello, who convened the meetings for her constituents, said all attendees — including the police — were so eager to list their complaints and tell their stories that time ran out before a definite plan of action could be put in place.

"Most heavy complaints were reached," she said, except to schedule another meeting for the end of the month, when she anticipates a much higher turnout now that the situation has become public.

Kirk said he hoped the next meeting would provide time to strategize more productively and give students and landlords a chance to contribute to a solution.

"I hope students will realize that they're in control here," he said. "They've got their freedom. The question is do they want to keep it."

"I could see real ramifications for the students and the city."

The University can punish off-campus students who break local, state or federal laws. Kirk said, and often enters a system of progressive discipline when dealing with offenses like noise violations.

"We start with something that gets their attention, then the sanction gets progressively worse," he said. "They should take responsibility for themselves before police have to do it, but I don't know if I'm optimistic about that.

Both the frequency and intensity of parties have increased significantly in recent years, peaking in the fall and spring, officials and residents said. And while Turtle Creek has been a lingering concern — "It gets lost in the cracks between county and city jurisdiction," Kirk said — the problems at houses have flared more recently.

"We have no idea why," Rucker said.

"It's one thing when there's a party on game days or on Saturday," Puzzello added.

"But it's another when there's one on five, six nights of the week." Six-year Washington Street resident Anna Bolger reported waking up to $567 worth of damage to her car, keys and trash strewn in the street and partiers singing the Notre Dame fight song at 3 a.m., all within the past year.

"We called the police a couple times, but they [came] and [left] right away and the party went on," she said.

A few blocks down the street, senior Mike Howalski contested the complaints.

"The police were out to get us right away," he said of the $250 noise violation he and his four housemates incurred on the first night they moved in.

But he considered the possibility of additional sanctions from the University worse than pressure from the police.

"Since you're off campus, you're renting a home, and the fact that you're a student is irrelevant," he said. "It's between you and the police, you and the community, not you and the University."

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Vigil
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Others found injustice.

"Well, the vigil is meant to extinguish the memory," said Denise Mroczek, a Mishawaka resident. "I wish myself to get the lives."

"We felt joy but it was just devastation that seven other families weren't as lucky as we were," she continued. "He's supposed to come home in two weeks. Let's hope he does."

After expressing their thoughts, the candle-bearers all fell silent and stood in a semi-circle before the Grotto, singing "America, the Beautiful" and "Notre Dame, Our Mother."

Michael Peterson, co-organizer of the vigil, then offered a conclusion.

"With that, we extinguish the flames," he said. "But we do not extinguish the memory, the tragedy."

Attendees of all different opinions then turned to each other, exchanged the sign of peace, and took their separate paths.

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ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program.

The meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, at 4:15 p.m. in the LaFortune Patio Legends of Notre Dame Room.

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Stocks mixed as oil prices rise

Investors remain cautious as unemployment claims and wholesale inventories drop

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks were mixed Thursday as investor enthusiasm over a sharp drop in weekly unemployment claims was offset by rising oil prices and a disappointing wholesale inventories report. Technology shares benefited from a pair of outlook upgrades and strong earnings from National Semiconductor Corp.

Investors grew more cautious through the session as oil prices climbed, topping the $44-per-barrel mark after weeks of declines. A barrel of light crude rose $1.84 to settle at $44.61 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Wall Street was also disappointed by the Commerce Department's report on wholesale inventories, which rose 1.3 percent in July, double what economists had expected. Wholesale sales rose by only 0.5 percent — which means that businesses and consumer spending has slowed off and more products are sitting in warehouses.

"We're starting to see some real evidence of softness in consumer spending," said Russ Koesterich, U.S. equity strategist for State Street Corp. in Boston. "I don't think the economy is falling off a cliff. It's chugging along at a moderate pace, but will it be enough to keep corporate profits where they need to be? That's the question."

Improvements in the nation's job picture could help spur consumers. The Labor Department reported 139,000 new unemployment claims for the past week, down 43,000 from the week before. It was the largest drop in first-time claims since December 2001.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 24.26, or 0.2 percent, at 10,289.10. Broader stock indicators were markedly higher. The tech-focused Nasdaq composite index was up 19.01, or 1 percent, at 1,869.65, while the Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 2.11, or 0.2 percent, to 1,118.28.

The economic data will likely weigh heavily on the Federal Reserve as it prepares to meet Sept. 21 to discuss another hike in the nation's benchmark interest rate, which currently stands at 1.5 percent. The improved jobs picture increases the chances that the Fed will raise rates by a quarter percentage point, even though raising rates in the midst of an election can sometimes weigh on the presidential incumbent.

While Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan was optimistic about the economy's strength in his congressional testimony Wednesday, Wall Street took a more cautious view, waiting to see how the summer's economic slowdown will affect third- and fourth-quarter earnings.

"The takeaway we're getting from the Fed is that the economy's growing, but it's uneven," said Hans Olsen, managing director and chief investment officer at Bingham Legg Advisers. "And it that the lack of direction in the market, and the next catalyst for the market won't be the Fed meeting or interest rates.

"It'll be company earnings, and whether there's been enough top-line movement to have an impact on the bottom line.

Tech stocks, battered this summer after a series of disappointing earnings reports, were buoyed by a rare spate of good news. Nokia Corp. jumped $1.06 to $13.77 after the Finnish maker of cellular phones raised its sales and profits outlook for the current quarter. The company cited stronger demand for multi-function mobile devices.

Shares of Texas Instruments Inc. surged 10 percent on news it expected third-quarter earnings to come in above the middle of its previous estimate range. Investors shrugged off the chip maker's warning that sales could fall below its past outlook due to low demand.

In Brief

Health care costs continue to rise

NEW YORK — Health care costs continued to surge this year as family premiums in employer-sponsored plans jumped 12.2 percent, the fourth year of double-digit growth, according to a new study. The most telling effect of rising health care costs is a take on workers. There are at least 5 million fewer jobs providing health insurance in 2004 than in 2001, according to the survey of 3,017 employers by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research and Educational Trust.

This year, 63 percent of employers offered health benefits as a primary motivator to attract and retain workers, up from 58 percent in 2001. The change is primarily driven by the pervasive effect of small employers, those with 3 to 199 workers, that offer coverage.

Hurricane fears make prices surge

NEW YORK — Oil prices surged Thursday on fears of hurricane damage and lower-than-expected crude oil and gasoline inventory data released by the government.

"The market is obviously concerned about the storm," said Tom Kloza, director of Oil Price Information Service, adding that the crude stock statistics helped trigger the rally. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude futures rose $1.84 to settle at $44.61 a barrel. Ed Silliere, vice president of risk management at Energy Merchant LLC in New York, called the market movement "exaggerated," noting that the bullish data led traders to cover short positions — essentially bets that crude prices would fall — and that the storm led to nervous buying.

Trailer company adds jobs

BRAZIL — In a move that is good news for the maker of refrigerated, freight and platform trailers.

Managers have hired people for all but about 50 of the 15,000 jobs from among the 200 new positions that the company announced for the factory in May, said Mike Steed, the plant's human resources manager. The hiring comes as business has improved for the maker of refrigerated, freight and platform trailers.
Notre Dame vs Michigan Book Signings

Friday, September 10

Notre Dame Baseball Greats
Cappy Gagnon
2:00 – 4:00 pm

I Play for Notre Dame
Ted Mandell
4:00 – 5:30 pm

Go Irish
Connie McNamara
2:00 – 4:00 pm

Monk’s Travels
Fr. “Monk” Malloy
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Other Special Events:
Kennedy’s Kitchen Band
John Kennedy, ’68, traditional Irish toe-tapping music.

Liturgical Choir
8:00 pm

Saturday, September 11

For the Love of Teaching
George Howard
9:00 – 11:00 pm

The Golden Dream
Gerry Faust
11:30 – 12:30 pm

Tales from the Notre Dame Hardwood
Digger Phelps
11:00 – 1:00 pm

Natural Enemies
John Kryk
11:00 – 1:00 pm

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Ara Parseghian
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MEXICO

Officials create plan to clean up environment

American, Mexican officials collaborate

Associated Press

CUIDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — With 5 million discarded tires littering the background, the United States and Mexico announced an accord Thursday to clean up the mountains of rusty cars, smashed school buses and rotting rubber that are a blight on the border.

Environmental officials from both countries said the first step of the massive clean-up would be to start burning the tires for fuel in cement factories.

"The environmental challenges that we face do not respect political boundaries," said Richard Green, a regional administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "We experience them together, and we must address them together.

"Mexico's secretary of environment and natural resources, Alberto Cardenas-Jimenez, said Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua and officials of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, have agreed to dispose of 800,000 used tires in each of the next five years.

Ciudad Juarez will pay the cement-maker 31 cents for every tire burned and in turn, Cementos de Chihuahua will use the tires as fuel, investing $2.5 million in equipment at the Samalayuca cement factory, 25 miles south of Ciudad Juarez.

Though the United States is not involved in funding the project, it worked with Mexican authorities in coming up with the plan. The agreement will only make a dent in the estimated 5 million used tires at the city's collection centers. Two million more are scattered in dry gullies and clandestine dumping sites throughout the city, where residents simply throw out tires to avoid paying the $1 fee the city requires to get rid of them.

"These tires have become breeding grounds for disease, carrying mosquitoes, and when they burn, they release hazardous waste to the air and soil making it a grave environmental and health problem for the people of Juarez," said Alma Leticia Figueroa, director of Ciudad Juarez's Ecology and Civil Protection Department.

Figueroa said each month fire-fighters pull out about 1,000 tires started by people often trying to get rid of both trash and tires.

In addition, as part of the accord, tires from Tijuana and Mexicali, also popular dumping grounds, will be sent to nearby cement factories to be used as fuel.

The tires will be burned in ovens that have been approved by Mexican environmental authorities, assuring no pollutants are released in the air, said Hector Franco, a Mexican organizer of the environmental forum.

Israel

Hard-liners escalate Gaza rhetoric

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A group of prominent Israeli hard-liners urged soldiers Thursday to disobey orders to dismantle Jewish settlements, widening the bitter divisions over Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank.

In new fighting, eight Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, were killed in a string of clashes in the West Bank and Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz ordered a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the upcoming Jewish holidays, preventing thousands of Palestinian workers from entering Israel.

A ministry spokesman said the order would go into effect Friday morning and last until early October. Military sources said humanitarian cases would still be permitted into the country.

Since fighting erupted four years ago, Israel has restricted the entry of Palestinians to varying degrees, imposing strict closures during holidays and other times of high alert.

In April 2002, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew up a Passover gathering, killing 29 people.

The call to soldiers and other security forces to resist evacuating settlements appeared to signal a significant escalation in the debate over withdrawal.

Sharon says he plans to pull 8,000 Jewish settlers, including all that are in the West Bank and Gaza, in the next 18 months.

The hard-liners accuse Sharon of running out of patience in Palestinian violence, and fear that the initial pullout will set a precedent for further withdrawals from West Bank land.

The plan was published Thursday in the Besheva weekly, commonly read by the hard-line unpleasant language yet against Sharon's plan.

It called the pullout a "crime against humanity" and urged security forces to disobey orders to evacuate settlements.

"We call public officials who are being asked to lay the groundwork for the ethnic cleansing of Jews from their homeland, and on all of the officers, troops and policemen, to listen to the voice of their conscience and not take part in acts that will surely condemn them," it said.

The petition was signed by 185 people, including former lawmakers, academics, military officers and retired officials. The newspaper is owned by the Yesha Council, an umbrella group representing Jewish settlers, who say it had no connection to the petition.

The paper's editor, Yehuda Yigal, denied that the paper was endorsing the pullout or other acts that will bring about Sharon's plan.

The petition was published Thursday in the Besheva weekly, commonly read by the hard-line Zionist elements.

The Yesha Council, an umbrella group representing Jewish settlers, said it had no connection to the petition. The group continues to support only nonviolent and legal means of resistance.

Among the names on the petition were Ben Zion Netanyahou, father of ex-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahou, and Yossi Ben Abnon, Netanyahou's bureau chief.

Associates of the hardline Netanyahou, who is currently finance minister, said they had not connected to the petition. Speaking on condition of anonymity, they said Netanyahou would go along with the pullout despite his strong reservations.

Government officials declined to comment on the petition, saying only that they hope settlers will respect the law.

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**RUSSIA**

**Officials claim Chechens were among school raiders**

Identification draws stronger connection to rebel groups

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Ten of the militants who seized a school in southern Russia have been identified and six were from Chechnya, security officials said Thursday, drawing a strong connection to the Chechen insurgents who have been fighting Russian forces for years.

None were Arabs, despite the government's contention that Arabs were involved in the hostage-taking last week in the North Ossetian town of Beslan, which ended in gunfire and explosions that killed more than 350 people, many of them children.

According to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, the other four militants came from Ingushetia, which is sandwiched between North Ossetia and Chechnya and was targeted in brazen coordinated attacks against police that killed 90 people in June. The presence of Ingush raiders threatens to inflame long-standing tensions between Ingush and ethnic Ossetians, who are the majority in the republic.

President Vladimir Putin and Russian investigators have said about 10 of the roughly 30 attackers were Arabs, but authorities have not publicly provided evidence of the assertion. Officials who spoke Thursday made no mention of Arabs being among the militants.

Russian officials repeatedly have cast the military campaign in Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism — a battle they say Western countries have hindered by granting asylum to Chechen figures and questioning Kremlin policy in Chechnya.

To push the point that Russia is a victim of international terror — and not just of violence spawned by the Chechen conflict, which critics say Kremlin policies have aggravated — Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with Rudolph Giuliani, mayor of New York City when al-Qaida suicide attackers struck the World Trade Center in 2001.

"Even though these are things that you hope and pray don’t happen and you realize that are very tragic, this will bring our people together, because we have been through something very similar," Giuliani said.

In Washington, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said President Bush has asked his top advisers to determine how the commissions would work, but the announcement showed the Kremlin’s concern that inefficiency and corruption had undermined security and that violence continued in the North Caucasus.

Each commission will be headed by a senior Interior Ministry officer with the regional political leader as his deputy in many cases and a special task force of 70 men, Nurgaliev said.

He said the commissions will coordinate police, security and military forces in an effort to prevent terrorist attacks.

Russia has been beset by terror in the past two weeks, suffering three attacks that have killed more than 400 people.

The attacks — the downing of two airliners apparently by explosives, a suicide bombing outside a Moscow subway station and the school seizure — prompted officials to offer a huge cash reward for information leading to the killing or capture of top Chechen rebel leaders.

Russia brushes off criticism that its policies in Chechnya and the brutality of its troops there feed resentment that boosts support for the insurgents, focusing instead on claims the militants are trained by international terrorist groups, including al-Qaida.

Putin won support from German leader Gerhard Schroeder for his portrayal of Russia as a victim of international terrorism.

In a joint declaration, the two placed the recent attacks alongside events in 11 and the Madrid bombings and said the school raid marked "a new dimension in terrorism that threatened to all humankind by international terrorism."
Football
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fans] were jerks," said Mark
Becher, a 2004 graduate
back on campus for the big
game. "Now it's our turn —
and we're going to win."

The 2002 victory is also
clearly remembered by older
students.

"I'm excited for the
game," senior Mary Kate
Castellani said. "It would be
really great if they win, but if
not, that's fine — it's just fun
to go to games. [In 2002] I
was in the first couple rows,
and we were the first ones on
the field. It was awesome."
The mood on campus has
lightened considerably since
last Saturday, when a heart-
breaking loss to Brigham
Young University left Irish
in a hole for the critical
early-season games.

"I'm definitely very excit­
ed," said sophomore Angelo
Suozzi. "I just hope we come
out with more intensity than
against BYU."

For his classmate Kristen
Aland, the answer is simple.

"We're gonna muck 'em
up," she said, paraphrasing a
popular shirt slogan.

"Napoleon Dynamite was
hunting wolverines in Alaska
last summer, and we're going
to be hunting them right here
in South Bend on Saturday."
The positive attitude was
pervasive.

"Despite our loss last week­
end and low campus morale,
I think we could pull off a
great win against Michigan
this weekend," said sopho­
more Gina Tesi. "I mean, we're Notre Dame!"

Junior Brian Barry, howev­
er, was less excited.

"Honestly, on the record, 'Go Irish,'" he said. "Really, I'm only going to the game
because they're my peers and I
want to go out and support
them."

The 0-1 start has him ques­
tioning the football program's
potential in 2004.

"It's a big thing when
there's a chance — but, well,
maybe I'll be surprised," he
said.

The future was uncertain
but hopeful for most students
on campus.

"I think that we've got a
chance, but a lot has to go
right for us," said Suozzi.

"I'm also psyched just to be
in the stadium."

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 Hurricane ravages Caribbean

ST. GEORGE'S — Hurricane
Ivan left Grenada a wasteland of
flattened houses, twisted metal
and splintered wood as it bore
down on Jamaica with deadly
winds and monstrous waves,
forcing a half million people to
flee their homes. The death toll in
the Caribbean stood at 23 and
was expected to rise.

Ivan, a Category 4 hurricane
with winds of 145 mph, was fore­
cast to make a direct hit on
Jamaica shortly after noon. The
hurricane devastated Grenada on
Tuesday, tossing sailboats against
the shore, tearing apart buildings
and setting off frenzies of looting.

"The destruction is something
I've ever seen," said Michael
Steele, a 34-year-old resident
whose home was destroyed.

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Respect the team

Emotions are running high over Irish football — and not just because one of the school’s biggest rivals invades Notre Dame Stadium this weekend. Ordinary and extraordinary students of this nation’s most prominent powerhouse program, coming from every corner of the spectrum from the rabid loyalty inspired by Michigan weekend, dissatisfaction is growing as coach Tyrone Willingham’s 5-10 record in the past 15 games marks Notre Dame’s worst stretch in over 40 years.

With the team just a week old, those emotions have turned from the usual excitement, anticipation and enthusiasm to criticism, bitterness and frustration. That combination of negative sentiment could easily turn into a negative reaction toward the players against Michigan Saturday. And a slow start by the Irish, an early Michigan lead or a halftime score will only fuel the fire.

But no matter the score on Saturday, these emotions should not translate into boos. A game — even a tough one — isn’t the time to yell or complain. It is a time to support the players representing this great University on the football field.

The boozing issue became apparent during the embarrassing 37-0 loss to Florida State last year. When Irish suffered their third loss by more than 30 points and their second consecutive home blowout loss, I couldn’t help wondering why the frustration by raining boos on the field and trickling out of the game long before the players’ traditional raising of the helmets to the student section.

Everyone who pays for a seat in the Stadium has bought the right to boo. And if the players on the field aren’t giving a full effort, they should be told loudly and clearly that they aren’t doing justice to the Notre Dame name.

But, just like the team’s struggles, the fans’ FAN display should be considered an extreme exception. These aren’t professional athletes being paid millions of dollars to do what they love. These are 22-27 year old competitors who are still college students first and athletes second.

Booing them should never become a habit.

Yes, the pressure to succeed at Notre Dame and Notre Dame’s storied history of years past is as high as anywhere in the country. Clearly results shouldn’t take a back seat to settling for effort.

But if the effort is there, deriding college football players on every down for not being perfect — or even for not performing to expectations — should be the mindset Saturday afternoon.

We are ND.

Show them respect.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

a Former Student

One of the most common questions people ask me, a new sophomore transfer student, is, “Why’d you transfer?” The genuinely curious who ask expect a simple answer to this simple question. They probably expect me to respond, “I’ve always wanted to come here,” or, “I didn’t like my last school.” Yet, while all these brief answers are true to some degree, they do not adequately do the University of Notre Dame and its student body justice. Thus, in order to fully and ultimately answer this question in a way that truly explains this task, I would like to tell you this story.

Two days ago I was sick. I had a fever, headache and stuffy nose that kept me not just from attending class, but staying in bed for more than one hour at a time. I climbed into bed for what I expected to be a long day of a daily struggle against my health. After all, when I had been this sick at Boston College last year, no one noticed to send me home, take me to the doctor, or even ask if I should stay in bed.

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Willing to defend democracy?

Those who take the time to read this column deserve a discussion of democracy. In my opinion, democracy is the most valuable political system we have ever developed. Without our democratic roots, it is difficult to imagine a system of ideas that truly reflects the people it is about.

The driving force behind democracy is the belief that all people are equal. This belief ensures that every person can participate in government and that every person has a voice in its direction. The democratic process is the best way to ensure that the people are truly represented in their government.

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Joe, a poor driver, is about to lose his license. Should his state let him keep it, and continue dangerous driving, if he can buy additional license "points" from a good driver within 30 miles of his home? Should Joe’s money give him rights to put others at risk?

Consider a similar case: market-based incentives allow violations of air-toxics regulations, provided mercury-removers pay "pollution fees" to distant and cleaner companies having emissions credits.

On one hand, President Bush and states like Indiana support "pollution trading." They say it gives toxins-polluters flexibility, lets them decide when to control their emissions, is cheaper than toxins-reductions, allows "market-neutral" decisions and offers polluters carrots rather than sticks.

On the other hand, physicians say even trace mercury, a developmental and neurotoxin, harms children most. Their health is not a tradable commodity. The Centers for Disease Control found each of 12 women already had mer­cury blood levels damaging to unborn children, and $321 million newborns annually face health problems from fetal mercury exposure.

Who is right?

Market solutions are defensible, as Adam Smith recognized, if participants have full information and pay full-compensation costs for their transactions. But U.S. facili­ties emitting 40 tons annually may not compensate those they poison.

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Where Nothing i

Dillon Hall’s pep rally finds humor in everything from

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Nothing at Notre Dame is sacred when it comes to the Dillon Hall pep rally. No alumnus, no dorm, not even Touchdown Jesus. The dorm traditionally puts on its annual pep rally each year before the first home football game, and it is an event that allows the campus to laugh at the daily life at Notre Dame, as well as to make fun of our adversaries, this year being Michigan.

If you have been on campus for the past week, you have probably heard about the Dillon Hall pep rally, whether from "Teen Wolf" running into your class playing music or a mob of Dillon boys running through your dorm. The men of the hall spend a great amount of effort promoting their event, and it helps to create a sense of unity among the members.

The Dillon Hall pep rally opened as most Notre Dame pep rallies do, with cheerleaders, the Pom squad and speakers, but that is where the similarities end. Following the speeches from the football players, the rally becomes more of a comedy show than an attempt to boost spirits. The rally usually has a loose plot that ties the skits together, but the main purpose of the rally is to get the campus laughing and ready for the game on Saturday.

Members of Dillon Hall write, set-up and usually assume the roles of well-known campus figures as they perform in the skits.

The rally’s format is essentially that of a radio show, but it only adheres to that loosely. It opened with a humorous video diary documenting the behavior of Michigan fans. Naturally, it was an unflattering portrait that included people listing their favorite nasty nicknames for Notre Dame and its players, beating up leprechauns and revealing their secret jealousy for the Fighting Irish.

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The plot of the rally revolves around the fact that Touchdown Jesus, the beloved mural on the side of the Hesburgh Library, turns up missing. This occurrence delights Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr, as he blames Michigan’s poor record in South Bend on the ever-watchful eye of the mural. Father Monk Malloy, dressed as a monkey, must assemble a dream team of Notre Dame graduates in order to find Touchdown Jesus. He eventually gets Regis Philbin, Rudy Ruttiger and Joe Montana as the core of his team, and appearances from Gold medal winner Marial Zugunis and the disgraced Paul Hornung.

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Feint groups of campus emerge unscathed from the rally: Flipside, engineers and Latin Expressions have their moments. Dirms like Knott, Siegfried, Zahm, BP and Lyons all have jokes made at their expense. Even slightly less obvious targets like the NDSP, the dining hall workers and the grounds crew can’t escape being made fun of.

A game show called "Where in the World is Jesus of Nazareth?" proves to be the turning point...
for finding Jesus. After Father Paul Doyle, Dillon's rector, must exit his post as the show's host in order to do his traditional stage dive, the show takes on a "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" feel thanks to Regis taking over as host. Notre Dame's finest must face Michigan's "Finest," including Chris Webber, Jim Abbott and a dumb new football recruit. Rudy wins the game by default, and Jesus is revealed to be boycotting Taco Bell, referencing the ongoing student campaign doing that led a boycott in support of better wages for migrant workers. Only after a Jackson Five medley, a dance routine and a change of heart by Michigan's coach are things finally resolved.

True to Notre Dame football tradition, three-fourths of the way through the game, Officer Joe McCarthy of the NDSP made his standard announcement. This time, though, the message wasn't about drinking and driving, but instead told fans to stay fired up because Michigan wouldn't be able to take the heat.

Along with the skits, there was a spirited appearance by Crackhead, the Dillon Hall alumnus famous for breaking plates on his head to music during the pep rally.

The Dillon Hall pep rally gives the campus a chance to have a laugh at its own expense, as well as that of their football rivals, before the football season moves into high gear and people start to get serious about the games.

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Above, hosts acting as newscasters keep the action of the pep rally moving with jokes. Below, two Dillon Hall members assume the roles of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr and his new recruit. The rally boosts school spirit for the upcoming football season.
MIAMI — Kris Benson looked like a monkey pitcher Thursday, helping the New York Mets put an end to three streaks. Rejuvenated after skipping one turn in the rotation, Benson gained some leverage in ongoing contract talks by pitching a shutout into the seventh inning, and struggling New York cooled off the Florida Marlins.

The Mets snapped an 11-game losing streak while stopping the Marlins’ franchise-record-tying nine-game winning streak. New York also ended a run of 10 consecutive losses to Florida.

"Kris gave us exactly what we needed — a bunch of zeros on the board," Mets manager Art Howe said.

Benson (11-11) had been idle since Aug. 29 while nursing a sore shoulder. He can become a free agent after this season and has been talking with the Mets about a multiyear deal.

"As far as negotiations are concerned, it has been pretty quiet," he said. "I think they’ve been waiting to see if my arm’s not going to fall off when I go out and pitch, which is smart.

At the same time, I knew nothing would happen... so hopefully things will pick up and I’m able to get things done in a hurry." Bensaid limited Florida to five hits and a walk in six-plus innings. He improved to 3-3 since joining New York, with an ERA of 6.43.

"One start off did wonders," he said. "I came into today with a lot of confidence knowing that I had some rest, and my arm felt great." 

Pittsburgh 3, Houston 1

A third-place finish needs to be nearly flawless to have a chance of beating the Houston Astros this week. These days, Oliver Perez was that and more.

Oliver’s “kicked the Astros’ 12-game winning streak with the most dominating start of his short career, striking out 14 in the Pittsburgh Pirates’ 3-1 victory Thursday in the first game of a doubleheader.

"It’s the best game of my career," said Perez, who started against Houston only because the Pirates were rained out Wednesday against Milwaukee. "When I found out [he would oppose Houston], I said, ‘That’s fine.’"

The Astros had scored at least five runs in each game of a winning streak that matched the franchise high and was the longest in the NL since Atlanta won 15 in a row in 2000. Houston, which averaged nine runs during its streak, began the day with a slim lead in the NL wild-card race.

Perez (10-8) allowed three hits, an unearned run and five walks in five innings. He improved to 3-3 since joining New York, with an ERA of 6.43.

"We needed the second game in a big way," Craig Biggio said. "Fogg (9-10) didn’t offer nearly the challenge Perez did, giving Houston a gift run with a balk while allowing eight runs and eight hits in 6-2-3 innings.

"The win is important to us because we’re in the pennant race," manager Phil Garner said. "The second thing is we want to keep driving, and to keep driving you want to keep winning. You don’t want any letdowns."

Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 2

Wes Helms’ swing is starting to come around after knee surgery two months ago, Helms hit a grand slam and Brady Clark had four hits against his former team, leading the Brewers over the Cincinnati Reds 7-2.

"My timing was off," said Helms, who didn’t play in Milwaukee’s last four games. "That’s why I work so hard before the game with [hitting coach] Bush (Wygnan). We’re not wearing him out. All the hard work is paying off, especially in my situation. I’m pulling the ball with authority now and not giving up on safe at home plate."

Doug Davis (11-10) tied his career-high for wins with his first victory in seven starts since July 30.

He allowed six hits and two runs with no walks in six innings. He was 0-3 with a 2.81 ERA and five no-decisions since his last win.

Davis also had 11 wins for Texas in 2001.

"It was frustrating, but I didn’t feel any pressure," Davis said. "I thought I was pitching well, and the team was playing well behind me. We just weren’t scoring any runs.

Willy Mo Pena homered for the Reds, who have lost four straight and nine of 10.

The score was all 2-when Bill Hall drew a leadoff walk from Gabe White (1-0) in the fifth. Hall stole second and scored on Clark’s double to left.
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U.S. OPEN

Federer edges Agassi in five sets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi sat alone, starting blankly at an Arthur Ashe Stadium doorway, the silence punctured by the rustling leaves on nearby trees.

Soon, he'd walk through that exit, his U.S. Open done with a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 loss Thursday to top-ranked Roger Federer in a quarterfinal suspended by rain early in the fourth set the night before and wrapped up in the worst of swirling winds.

In those idle moments on a lobby bench, there was plenty for the 34-year-old Agassi to contemplate. The immediate past: How did that match slip away?

And the future: How much longer do I want to put in the work it takes to compete?

"My game plan is to play until I can't do it," Agassi said.

"I certainly want to be able to assess my level of play, and at some point my level of play will dictate my decisions. But as of right now, I'm trying to win tournaments, and I believe that with that focus, I can still do that."

The eight-time major champion certainly gave Federer all he could handle, stretching a man 11 years his junior to the limit. It wasn't gorgeous tennis, but it couldn't possibly be with gusts approaching 40 mph.

Picked up by the chair umpire's microphone, the wind provided a thunderous bassline to a soundtrack that included the ruffling of shirts and empty cups clattering in the stands.

Towels flew off changeover chairs, and a let was called when a silver hot dog wrapper slid by Federer's feet during a rally.

With a point here and there making the difference, Federer was superb, breaking Agassi in the next-to-last game and displaying the win-the-big-ones instinct he's developed.

The Wimbledon and Australian Open champion has won 10 straight tournament finals; he's 15-0 against top 10 players since November.

Federer's first U.S. Open semifinal will be against another player never this far at Flushing Meadows: No. 5 Tim Henman, who beat No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty 6-1, 7-5, 7-6, 6-2.

On the other side of the draw, 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt overwhelmed Tommy Haas 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 to set up a semifinal against defending champ Andy Roddick or No. 28 Joachim Johansson, who played at night.

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Yankees win both games of doubleheader, extend lead

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The rain stayed away — and so did the fans. — but the game came early Thursday for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees scored five times in the first two innings. Mike Mussina pitched eight sharp innings for his first win in more than 10 weeks and New York beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-5 in the first game of a doubleheader.

Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui each drove in two runs during the Yankees' seven-run second inning, which started with just a few hundred fans in the stands. Yankee Stadium filled up a bit more for the nightcap, with the paid attendance announced as 41,230.

The teams played two games because Wednesday's doubleheader was rained out.

The first game Wednesday was supposed to be a makeup of Monday's doubleheader that was changed to a single night game when the Devil Rays were unable to get to New York in time for Game 1 due to Hurricane Frances.

It was still uncertain when or if the unplanned game would be made up.

Chicago 7, Texas 2

After Mark Buehrle snatched the line header back at his face in the first inning, it was just another routine outing for the Chicago White Sox left-hander against Texas.

He beat the Rangers again. Buehrle (14-8) threw a three-hitter for his second complete game of the season, leading the White Sox to a 7-3 win over slumping Texas on Thursday night.

"I had everything working ... my curveball, my breaking pitch. My cutter was probably the best it's been all year," he said. "I had movement on my pitches, was hitting my spots and getting ahead in the count."

Two of the hits allowed by Buehrle were homers, and his streak of 18 straight innings against Texas without giving up an earned run ended.

But he improved to 6-0 with a 2.56 ERA in nine career appearances (six starts) against the Rangers. On his tremendous catch, Buehrle didn't even see the ball go into his glove.

"I couldn't tell you where it was going," he said.

Rangers leadoff hitter Eric Young hit a liner right back at Buehrle, who put his head down and his glove up. "That's a good reaction not to get hit in the face," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said.

"He covers his position better than a lot of people. That's why he didn't get killed." Paul Konerko and Joe Crede homered for the White Sox, who have won six of seven.

Texas lost for the ninth time in 11 games, dropping six games behind AL West-leading Oakland.

Kansas City 26, Detroit 5

Joe Randa went himself out. He had six hits and tied a major league record by scoring six times Thursday, helping the Kansas City Royals break a club mark for runs in a rout of the Detroit Tigers in the first game of a doubleheader.

Randa had five singles and a double, but he wasn't in the starting lineup for the second game.

"He's awfully tired from running the bases," Royals manager Tony Pena cracked.

Randa also had two RBIs in a game in which the Royals matched an American League record by putting 13 straight runners on base in an 11-run third inning.

It was the most runs allowed by the Tigers in a nine-inning game — Detroit allowed 24 runs twice. Randa also became the first AL player to have six hit and six runs in the same nine-inning game.

"I'm just glad we can get right out there for the second game," said Rondell White, who homered for Detroit. "After a game like that, you want to be back on the field as fast as you can.

The Royals had 26 hits against five Tigers pitchers. Angel Berroa had a three-run homer and career-high five RBIs, and Albert Castilo knocked in a career-best four runs.

Zack Greinke (8-9) got the win, allowing three runs in five innings as the Royals improved to 11-7 against the Tigers this season.

"They've got a real good team, but we play our best against them," Pena said.

Jason Johnson (8-13) dropped to 0-5 in his last seven starts, allowing 11 runs — nine earned — in 2 2/3 innings. Kevin Seitzer was the last Kansas City player with six hits in a game on Aug. 2, 1987, and Shawn Green was the last major leaguer to score six times, on May 23, 2002.

The previous Royals' record for runs scored in a game was 23, against Minnesota on April 6, 1974.

The major league record for a nine-inning game is 29 runs by the Boston Red Sox against St. Louis on June 8, 1950.

The Royals added five more runs in the sixth, including their first homer of the game, a three-run shot by Berroa.

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West coast baseball teams all in contention

All five California teams in race to reach playoffs

Associated Press

Come October, bouncing beach balls, the wave, designer shades and SPF30 sunblock could be standard fare at ballparks.

From the Golden Gate down to Disneyland, from Chavez Ravine to San Diego Bay, there's a buzz along the California coast. Because for the first time, all five of the state's major league teams are in playoff contention deep into the season.

"Baseball is alive and well on the West Coast," Anaheim Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have been atop the NL West most of the season, with San Francisco and San Diego never far behind.

Oakland has set the pace in the AL West, with Anaheim keeping up the pressure. The wild card possibilities increase the suspense.

"It's huge, it's exciting," said the Padres' Dave Hansen, formerly of the Dodgers. "It's definitely good for the state." California dreamin', for sure.

Unlike past years, none of the state's teams have been reduced to playing spoiler in September.

"What's exciting is that there's some really good baseball being played out here, and the fan support has been outstanding," said Scioscia, a longtime Dodgers catcher.

The Padres' Rich Aurilia, who formerly played for San Francisco, noted that either the Giants, Dodgers or Padres usually were competing for playoff berths at this time of year — but not all at the same time.

"And Oakland and Anaheim, the past few years, have really picked it up. So it's weird to see five teams in the race, all either leading or within three or four games," Aurilia said.

"It's a good thing to be a baseball fan in California." Spinning turnstiles back that up.

The Dodgers, Giants and Angels are on track to top 3 million in attendance, as should the Padres, who already have drawn record crowds to new Petco Park.

The A's expect to draw about 2.2 million, same as when they made the playoffs last season but lost in the first round for the third consecutive year.

Even in laid-back Southern California, where it's fashionable to arrive in the third inning and be back in the fast lane by the seventh, it seems more fans have been in their seats from the first pitch to the last.

"I think the reason we've been doing so well is because the fans have been showing up and supporting us," Dodgers pitcher Josp Lima said.

The Athletics' Eric Byrnes, a Giants fan when he was growing up in the Bay Area, sees the same thing.

"This does have a lot of fans excited," he said.

The schedule should make the regular season's final days that much more exciting — most of the remaining games match California teams against each other.

The A's, featuring a fine starting staff headed by Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson, face the Vladimir Guerrero-led Angels in six of the last 10 games, with the final three closing out the regular season in Oakland.

The Dodgers and MVP candidate Adrian Beltre meet the Barry Bonds-powered Giants six of their last 10, including a three-game series on the final weekend.

The upstart Padres, with Mark Loretta helping lead their surge, play the Giants six times in the final two weeks and have seven games left against the division-lead ing Dodgers.

"There's a lot of great baseball left to be played in California this season," Scioscia said.

Maybe too many intense games are coming up, Lima joked.

"Right now it's getting a little out of hand," he said. "These next few weeks probably will be huge for everybody."

Not everyone is thrilled about the jam at the top. San Francisco assistant general manager Ned Colletti believes even three's a crowd.

"At the end of the day, I don't think it's great that there are five teams in California in the race,' he said. "There were only four years ago."

"It's a good time to be a fan," he said.

"Not everyone is thrilled about the jam at the top. San Francisco assistant general manager Ned Colletti believes even three's a crowd."
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**In Brief**

**Kahne wins Busch pole**

RICHMOND, Va. — Impressive rookie Kasey Kahne started what he hopes will be an uphill weekend Thursday night, winning his first pole of the season in 22 tries in NASCAR's Busch Series.

Kahne, 24, a five-time runner-up in the Nextel Cup series this season, turned a lap at 127.179 mph in the Emerson 250 at Richmond, where Friday night's race was canceled because of rain.

**Warner eager to make Giants debut against Eagles**

PHILADELPHIA — Kurt Warner is ready to make his Giants debut against the Eagles on Sunday.

**Brady leads Patriots to a 27-24 victory**

Associated Press

Foxboro, Mass. — As usual, Tom Brady was uncanny accurate as the New England Patriots moved within three wins of setting the NFL record for consecutive victories.

Still, New England’s 27-24 win over Indianapolis on Thursday night wouldn’t have happened if its defense hadn’t awakened in the second half after being shredded for 255 yards by Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James before intermission.

Brady threw for 335 yards and three touchdowns — one each to Deion Branch, David Patten and Daniel Graham. Corey Dillon, obtained from Cincinnati to revile the Super Bowl champions’ running game, carried 16 times for 86 yards.

But the Patriots’ defense bailed them out after a horrible first half, although the 446 yards they allowed were more than they gave up in any game last year.

Three times they stopped the Colts after turnovers, the second time after Branch fumbled a punt and Asante Samuel was called for pass interference to put the ball at the 1. But Eugene Wilson knocked the ball loose from James and rookie Vince Wilfork recovered with 3 minutes, 43 seconds left, avoiding what looked like a sure touchdown.

Then Willie McGinest sacked Manning with the Colts at the Patriots’ 18, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 48-yard field goal instead of a chip shot. Vanderjagt, who had made 42 in a row, kicked it wide right with 24 seconds left.

“It seems all of our games with them come down to a late play, but our defense made just enough plays to win,” Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

This game was a repeat of last season’s AFC championship, a roughly played 24-14 New England win that spurred the NFL to tighten up on holding and bumping by defensive backs.

But the first flag on a defensive back didn’t come until four minutes into the third quarter, when the Colts’ David Thornton was called for holding one play before Brady hit Patten for a 22-yard TD to give New England a 20-17 lead.

The win was the 16th straight for New England, including the last 12 regular-season games plus two playoff games and the Super Bowl last season.

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Saint Mary's travels to Adrian for opener

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

After months of training and practice, the only person who may be more excited than the Belles to start the season is their coach, Caryn Mackenzie.

"This is our first conference game, and we're all fired up to go out there and show what we can do," Mackenzie said. "We feel we're prepared to play, I think I'm as excited as the players are to start the season and see where this team's talent takes us."

Saint Mary's hopes to show its strengths the team travels to Adrian Saturday at 12 p.m. for their first contest against a MIAA conference team. The Belles should be favored against an Adrian team that went 1-18 last year, including two losses to Saint Mary's.

The Belles have set the bar high for this year. Including two losses to Saint Mary's, Adrian only returns two seniors, while the Belles feature a strong mix of upperclassmen. "We've got a very strong senior team with seven seniors, and I think those players will play a big role in providing leadership," said Mackenzie.

One of those players is captain Jen Concannon, who scored two goals in the Belles' 3-2 overtime win against the University of St. Francis (Ind.) on Tuesday and will look to lead the offense this Saturday. Although Mackenzie recognizes Concannon as a dominant force on the field, she is quick to stress how skilled the entire team is.

"Across the board, this is one of the most talented teams in Saint Mary's history. From the seniors all the way down to the freshmen, it's a good mixture of upperclassmen and underclassmen."

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than the team's talent is the amount of unity it has displayed.

"The best thing I could say about this team is that they've had so many coaching changes, and to see the cohesion among the team, on the field and amongst themselves, is just phenomenal," Mackenzie said. "It definitely speaks volumes about the kind of people they are."

It has been that type of unity that has allowed the Belles to welcome a new coach so easily. After coaching at Adams High School in South Bend for the past 10 years, Mackenzie made the jump to the college level for the first time to lead Saint Mary's this season.

"As my first experience with a college team, it's just been phenomenal," Mackenzie said. "They've embraced the changes I've made, and they've all been very excited about it. I think I'll learn as much from them as they'll learn from me."

With such a talented team, the Belles have set the bar high for this year, looking to capture the MIAA title. Although Saint Mary's is cautiously optimistic about Saturday's game, they know their task won't be easy. Mackenzie feels her team's talent and unity give them a great chance.

"We've got a lot of potential, and I'm going to really enjoy seeing what we can put together as a team this year," she said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles set to battle conference rivals

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles will play two games against conference opponents today in the Saint Mary's Triangular.

Calvin faces off against Saint Mary's at 4 p.m. Then four hours later Tri-State gets its chance to play the Belles to end an intense day of volleyball action.

Calvin currently resides in third place in the MIAA with an overall record of 5-1 and a conference mark of 1-0. Meanwhile, Tri-State is in the same position as the Belles, still searching for its win as they come into tonight's match 0-6 and 0-2 in conference play. Only Saint Mary's has a worse record, having already dropped three games to conference teams.

Last year during the Triangular, the Belles found much success as they went on to defeat both Kalamazoo and Tri-State University. However, this season they are coming into the contest still winless and facing a tough opponent in Calvin.

"Our main focus is to just go into the game and have fun," Bupright said.

During the 2003 regular season, the Knights defeated the Belles in a nailbiter in five tough games. Calvin barely slipped by Saint Mary's, winning 15-13. In their two matches versus Tri-State, Saint Mary's went undefeated, sweeping them in both matches.

If the girls come out ready to play tonight, they will have a very good shot at capturing their first victory of the year, especially having performed exceptionally well against the Thunder in recent games. Once again, team communication and getting off to a fast start will be very important.

"Since the season started, we have had more games then practices," said Bupright. "We haven't had time to fix the problems that we need to." Following Friday's games, the Belles will get a break, not having to play again until Tuesday against Bethel.

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Belle Katie Noble brings the ball up the field in a 4-0 victory over Kalamazoo College last October. Saint Mary's will travel to Adrian for its first conference game this season.
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Cal-Poly

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against Fresno State and then play matches Saturday against Sacramento State and tournament-host Cal-Poly.

After playing a pair of matches against No. 2 Nebraska last weekend, this might be a relative break in the schedule. None of this weekend’s opponents are in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25.

But Brown isn’t taking anything for granted. “It’s going to be tough for us this weekend,” she said. “We’ve got to make the most of it.”

The Irish have to face defending national champions Southern California next week and would love to build up some momentum going into their showdown with the Trojans.

“Obviously we’re not peaking right now,” Brown said. “But we’re working hard to develop this team.”

There is little history between the Irish and their tournament opponents. Neither Fresno State nor Sacramento State have ever played Notre Dame. Cal-Poly has faced the Irish only once, a 3-0 Notre Dame victory in 2002.

Sacramento State might be considered the best threat to knock off Notre Dame as it has five starters back from a 23-12 team that won the Big West championship in 2003. The Hornets return to help bolster a squad that finished ninth nationally with a 3.14 blocking average.

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Men’s Golf

Irish set to open season in Toledo

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is set to kick off its 2004-05 campaign. Coach John Jasinski, who signed a contract extension in the offseason to continue coaching the Irish, will lead a strong Notre Dame team into the Inverness Intercollegiate Tournament in Toledo, Ohio this weekend. The field will feature 13 teams, including Michigan State and host Toledo.

The event will be held at the prestigious Inverness Club, which has previously played host to four U.S. Open championships. The Irish, who were last season’s Big East champions, begin the season ranked 92nd in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index. The Irish hope to improve from that initial ranking this season.

With the lineup they have, strong improvement is a definite goal. The Irish return all eight monogram winners from last year’s team, including all five golfers who competed in the NCAA Regionals.

Three freshmen, Mike King, Eddie Peckels and Greg Rodgers, will also join the Irish set to open season in Toledo

Notre Dame’s Lauren Kelbley blocks a Nebraska shot during the Huskers’ 3-2 victory over the Irish Saturday.

Mountain West Conference. The Bulldogs return four starters including honorable mention All-American outside hitter Kristin Fenton who finished twentieth nationally in kills per game last year with an average of 5.21.

Cal-Poly, coached by former Irish assistant Steve Schlick, is the only team in the Invitationals that had a losing record in 2003 as the Mustangs went 13-16 and finished eighth in the Big West. Middle blocker Nicole Bertotti returns to help bolster a squad that finished ninth nationally with a 3.14 blocking average.

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2003 NCAA championship meet.
Also, Connelly has decided to give less-experienced runners a chance to com-
pete so the Irish will not have their top eight runners in the race.
Two key runners who will be absent from the race include senior Lauren King and junior Molly Huddle.
King has captured All-American honors three years in row while Huddle finished seventh at the United States Olympic Trials.
Instead, sophomores Kate DeRusso, Jennifer Richard and Brianne Schmidt along with freshmen Kathleen Coverick and Alyson Parker will have a chance to gain valuable experience.
"We've got some kids that, with time, are going to con-
tribute," Connelly said.
After a disappointing eighth-place finish in last season's Great Lake Regional — the qualifying tournament for the NCAA championship meet — the men's cross country team will take another shot at the NCAA championship this season.
With the loss of senior Todd Mobley, the Irish will rely on upcoming juniors and sophomores to carry the load.
Like the women's team, the men will not be sending their top runners to the Crusader Invitational.
Veterans from last season like seniors Eric Morrison and Sean O'Donnell will miss the invitational along with juniors Kaleb VanOrt and Tim Moore.
However, the seven Irish runners competing today have fared well previously at the Crusader.
Among them are junior Austin Weaver who finished fifth in the Invitational last year and A.J. Andrazy who placed eighth.
With neither the men's or women's team sending their best runners, the Valparaiso Invitational serves to build
the team in preparation for the more critical races.
"The big focus is on the Big East, regionals and nationals," Connelly said. "That's the main focus.
The women will race today at 5 p.m. and the men start at 5:45 p.m.
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Irish runner Kerry Meagher participates in the National Catholic Invitational last year at Notre Dame.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF
Irish travel to Mich. for meet

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will be back in action this weekend, traveling to compete in Ann Arbor, Mich., in the prestigious Lady
Northern Invitational.
This will be the second straight weekend in which the Irish have competed, as the team comes off of a third-place
finish at the Notre Dame Invitational.
At the Invitational, they set the best mark ever by a Notre Dame women's team in competi-
tion at Warren Golf Course, beating the previous mark by 24 strokes.
Notre Dame will join the entire Big Ten Conference in the field of 12 and the group will be led by two top 25 teams, No. 5 Ohio State and No. 19 Michigan State. This weekend will be the first time Notre Dame has competed in the invitational.
"It's a pretty prestigious event to be invited to," coach Debby King said.
With that prestige, as well as the strength of the field in mind, King has set modest goals for the weekend.
"We're shooting for sixth or better," King said. "At the same time, you always believe in the back of your mind that you can win; you don't go into a tourna-
ment without thinking that.
We're aiming to break 305 each round and let the chips fall."
The tournament will run all day Saturday and Sunday. It will be conducted in the "six-count-four" format, meaning six golfers will compete for each team, with the top four scores counting for the final team score.
Senior Karen Lotta, who broke the Warren Golf Course single-round record on her way to a second-place finish last weekend, will lead the team this weekend, along with junior co-captain Katie Brophy, sopho-
more Norkiko Nakazaki, junior Lauren Gehauer and sophomore
Stacy Brown.
In what says great things about the depth of the Irish team, four of the remaining five golfers are competing for the final spot. Senior Casey Botella and junior co-captain Suzie Hayes were both fighting for the last spot, along with fresh-
men Jane Lee and Alejandra Diaz-Calderon.
King will choose one of them to join the team in Ann Arbor shortly before the team leaves. Because of the depth of talent on the team, King's job gets dif-
ficult before these tournaments.
"It's going to be tough to get the top five or six of our ten players each weekend," she said.
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Irish defender Jenny Walz attempts to clear the ball away from a Santa Clara forward during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over the Broncos Sunday.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles do well at Heidelberg

Led by Gray, Saint Mary's finishes in fourth place overall

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The two latest editions to the Belles played pivotal roles have paid immediate dividends.

Last Friday, Saint Mary's competed in the 6K Heidelberg Invitational, finishing fourth, in a field of five teams.

The Belles were led by freshman Megan Gray and transfer student Meghan Murphy, finishing first and second respectively for the team.

"I was excited [with how we did]. I see there is still a lot of hard work that needs to be done," Gray said.

Joining a team full of returning veterans might have been an awkward and intimidating experience for Gray and Murphy, but it was just the opposite.

Both newcomers say their teammates have been very welcoming.

"All the girls have been really helpful," Gray said. "We push each other in the workouts, but it is more about the team and not the individuals."

To begin the season, coach Dave Barsiti had the objective of being team-oriented rather than individual-oriented on his list of season goals. Barsiti wish to have the top seven performers running within 45 seconds to one minute to each other.

He believes this team-oriented approach will help to both establish motivation throughout the race and to unify each member of the squad.

In the first meet of the season, the top seven runners finished within two minutes of each other. Gray, who finished first for the team and 13th overall, came in with a time of 25:48, 32 seconds.

Murphy finished second on the team and 19th overall in 25:37.

Also placing for the Belles were veterans Erin Nolan and Katie White, who finished third and fourth for the team.

The team finished fourth with a score of 77 points. Saint Leo's University won the invitational with a score of 12 points, followed by Ohio Northern and Shawnee State.

Today, the Belles will be competing at the Aquinas College Invitational. Last season, the team finished sixth out of 13 teams.

White was the Belles' top finisher at the Aquinas Invitational last year.

Despite the team's past success at this invitational, the Belles are simply approaching the meet as if it were a workout.

Each race is an opportunity to work out the mechanics of competing as one unit in preparation for the rest of the season.

"Now, 13 is where we want to run well," Gray said. "We are just getting started."

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ness is a frequently-employed
strategy, Clark is more con­
cerned with the Irish than the
team standing on the opposite
sideline.
"My big thing is that I focus on
us," Clark said. "I'm a great
believer in this — it's always
going to be what we do."
The Irish kicked off the 2004
campaign with victories against
Oregon State and Boston
University at the adidas/IU
Credit Union Classic last Friday
and Sunday, respectively.
After overcoming a quick 1-0
deficit for a 2-1 triumph over the
Beavers, the Irish shutout the
Terriers, 2-0, en route to Notre
Dame's best start (2-0-0) in
Clark's four years at the helm of
men's soccer.
The Irish haven't started a
season 3-0 since 1998 and 4-0
since 1987.
Oregon State didn't wait long
to christen the scoreboard, find­
ing the back of the net on a
header 4:09 into the match.
"From our point of view, it was
a very bad goal to lose, people
not focusing on their jobs,"  Clark
said. "It took us about 20 min­
utes before we calmed down. I
thought we were pretty ragged,
and we struggled for that open­
ning period."
However, the Irish eventually
gained control of the game, and
defender Jack Stewart delivered
the equalizer at the 36:11 mark,
uncorking a rocket past OSU
goalkeeper Jason Mariner to
knot the game at 1-1.
The Irish struck again right
after halftime as forward Justin
McGeeney headed home a cross
from forward Nate Norman to
stake the Irish to a 2-1 advan­
tage and ultimately provide the
game winner.
Playing without the first-game
jitters that plagued the Irish in the first half of last Friday's
contest, Notre Dame broke a
scoreless tie 33 minutes into the
first half Sunday against Boston
University and never looked
back.
Once again, it was the All­
American candidate Stewart
who led the Irish charge, scoring
his second goal in as many
games.
Norman followed suit 15 min­
utes into the second half, lining
a shot into the net from the top
of the box for a 2-0 lead.
Standout goalkeeper Chris
Sawyer recorded his first clean
sheet of the season, stopping
three shots in the shutout.
Sawyer, Stewart and
McGeeney took home All­
Tournament Team honors,
though the Irish were edged by
consensus No. 1 Indiana, 6-4, in
overall goals scored for the tourna­
ment title after both teams went
undefeated (2-0) and aggregate
goals were used as a tiebreaker.
"It was a solid performance,"  Clark said. "I thought we grew
from the first performance to
the second, which was positive."
Following this weekend's
action, the Irish travel to
Bloomington Wednesday for a
much-anticipated bout with in­
state rival and soccer heavy­
weight Indiana.
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Irish welcome three teams to Mike Berticelli Tournament

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

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ND Volleyball

 Notre Dame heading west

Team travels to California for Cal-Poly Invitational

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Despite being defeated three times in their first four matches, including the first loss to Valparaiso in 24 years, Irish coach Debbie Brown knows there is a lot of volleyball still to be played.

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Women's Soccer

Desert waits for the Irish

Notre Dame travels to face Arizona State in 100-degree heat

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Some like it hot.

Coach Randy Waldrum hopes the Irish will adapt this attitude as the team faces Arizona State University at 7 p.m. tonight in Tempe, Ariz. The weather is expected to be near the 100 degree mark at kickoff.

Waldrum believes this will be great training for the rest of the season for games in warmer climates.

"Hopefully the trip to Brazil [last summer to play soccer] will help us out with the weather," Waldrum said. "But we are also going to have to focus on playing a team with great speed up front."

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ND Cross Country

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Irish men and women begin year at familiar invitational journey

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The Patriots defeated the Colts 37-24 after Mike Vanderjagt missed a potential tying field goal.

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Irish midfielder John Stephens readies to clear the ball away during Notre Dame's 2-0 exhibition win over Northwestern Aug. 23.
Chance at REDEMPTION

After a 38-0 drubbing at the hands of Michigan in 2003, Notre Dame spent a whole year preparing for payback ...

... but after a 20-17 loss to Brigham Young last week, how prepared are the Irish heading into their rematch with the No. 8 Wolverines?
BYU loss was still just one game

Between the bashing of Tyrone Willingham and his coaching staff and criticizing nearly every aspect of the Irish team — from the non-existent running game to the vulnerable defensive backfield to the disappointing performance from the offensive line — one important aspect of Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to Brigham Young went undetected by most. It was only one game. Maybe it's back the NCAA doesn't take playing performance into account when determining rankings or records. Whatever the reason, the Irish are what they are — an 0-1 football team.

And while it may not be the simple, it's also not exactly clear how good or bad this team is going to be in 2004 — even after last Saturday's horrible performance.

Maybe Notre Dame was looking ahead to Michigan. All offseason the coaching staff pounded into the players' brains the number 38, signifying the blowout loss at The Big House in 2003. It's not unreasonable to believe the team, no matter what they told themselves and each other, subconsciously had the Wolverines in mind heading into Provo.

Maybe this year's BYU team is a lot closer to the 2001 squad (12-2), than the 2003 group (4-8). The Cougars defense will likely end the season ranked in the top 20 for the second straight year, and their kicking game did a tremendous job keeping Notre Dame's unproven offense starting inside the 20-yard line nearly every drive. It's hard to get any type of ball movement when beginning at your own 7-yard line.

Or maybe everyone who watched Saturday's game is right by saying Notre Dame is just that bad. So bad, that the loss left fans wondering if this team made any improvement in any area since the Syracuse debacle in December.

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Regardless of their poor performance, it's unfair to make outlandish judgments about this team just yet. Save those for later in the year — even later this weekend — if the Irish continue to struggle. Remember, sophomore quarterback Brady Quinn is still just a youngster as far as college football players go. Offensive lines take some time to mesh together and become a cohesive unit. And young defensive backs can't just become good, they must learn through experience. But most people aren't buying those excuses anymore. Maybe that's justified. Willingham's first eight games were victories. Since then, the Irish are an embarrassing 7-11.

But in Willingham's third year at Notre Dame — when he faces his greatest, and most important, challenge of making the Irish win, and win now — it's unfair to dismiss him and the team after just one game, no matter how poorly they looked.

Give them enough time to improve and correct their mistakes.

Give them another game to prove they're better.

Give them Saturday to right the ship.

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Irish have been ready for a rematch since last year's 38-0 loss

By MATT LOZAR
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Michigan's been on their minds for months. It showed in their performance for the rest of the 2003 season, the off-season workouts and the rescheduling of the Brigham Young game.

After losing that "tone-up," Saturday became even more important.

Last weekend's 20-17 loss at BYU quelled all of the pre-season optimism in just three and a half hours and inflamed talks about this program being at its lowest point in more than 40 years.

Sitting at 0-1 with a more talented opponent than last week and one of their biggest rivals staring them in the face, the Irish are already facing a gut check in week two.

This game is always the biggest game of the year, especially early on," Kyle Budinscak said. "This past Saturday with us coming out and not coming away with a victory, our backs are already against the wall.

"This game means everything to us and we are going to come out there like nobody's business, I can promise you that.

Embarrassment of 38-0

Last year's game at Michigan proved to be something to focus on.

"Something I don't want to happen." He started out by saying, "This is a big loss for us, especially to lose the way we did."

Starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday never found a rhythm, especially with the Wolverines shutting down the running game, yielding just 75 yards on 25 carries. Brady Quinn replaced him in the fourth quarter and wasn't able to avoid the plagues affecting the rest of the team. Quinn went 3-of-10 and threw one interception.

It even got so bad that the crowd started chanting, "Houston, better," in reference to Michigan defeating the Cougars 30-3 the previous week.

"I feel as for as the off-season, I feel we put in the time and effort," Hoyte said. "I think it's just getting the job done."

That's a role this team currently has to fill. It even got so bad that the crowd started chanting, "Houston, better," in reference to Michigan defeating the Cougars 30-3 the previous week.

"I don't take anything away from last week's BYU game. That was a good team and played their butts off the whole night," Grant said. "The biggest thing at the film, I really don't think it was them beating us. We were beating ourselves on the little things. That's something we need to work on."

"We didn't step up and didn't perform," Tuck said. "From my standpoint, I don't want to be 0-2. I don't want to lose this game," Grant said. "I didn't want to lose last week's game. That's over, and we can't have it back. But I don't want to lose this game. I know I'm going to do everything for this team to not lose this game."

Very few people are expecting anything from this team against such a big-time opponent as Michigan. Willingham likened the Irish to the role of the underdog in Tuesday's press conference.

"That's a role this team currently has to fill. But the Irish feel the talent level isn't that of an underdog, which leads to them believing a win Saturday is a realistic possibility."

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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn gets the offense set in last year's blowout loss at Michigan.

Irish tight end Jared Clark tries to run past Michigan's Jacob Stewart in last year's 38-0 Notre Dame defeat in Ann Arbor.

by the numbers

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Michigan's rank in both victories and winning percentage all-time

TIM KAMMAN/The Observer
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

**Record:** 0-1
**AP:** NR
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**Tyone Willingham**

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**Quaterbacks**

- Carr has been on the Michigan sidelines forever, coaching as an assistant for 25 years, the last 10 at the helm. He is a proven winner. Under Carr, the Wolverines have gone to eight consecutive bowl games.

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**ANALYSIS**

- Everything is going against the Irish, but that's when funny things happen in sports. The stats show Michigan wasn't impressive last week, except for forcing seven turnovers. A freshman Michigan quarterback, Ryan Grant returning to the lineup and the typical breaks going Notre Dame's way lead to the upset.

- Michigan should win the battle in the trenches. The Irish line has yet not proven themselves. None of the anticipated players are still getting used to the assignment changes, and the Michigan linebackers are experienced and talented.

- Michigan's secondary has proven itself. Last week, they gave up 180.54 yards per game. Look in the NCAA, Notre Dame's passing game is still shaky, with the offensive line struggling and Quinn not being able to throw deep.
Michigan Wolverines

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- Oct. 16: at Illinois
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- Oct. 30: MICHIGAN STATE
- Nov. 13: NORTHWESTERN
- Nov. 20: at Ohio State

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**Wolverines Rushing**
- Michigan's rushing game was solid, picking up 132 yards on the ground. Underwood led the way with 61 yards on 22 carries. The offensive line was solid and the ball was handed to his talented group of receivers Saturday.

**Wolverines Passing**
- Edwards is a deep threat who scored 14 touchdowns last season in 15 games. The 6-foot-3 senior caught six passes for 91 yards last weekend. He proved he can get the ball to his talented group of receivers Saturday.

**Special Teams**
- Fitzpatrick kicked one field goal for 21 yards and was improved in the punting game, kicking for an average of 42 yards against BYU. However, one punt was partially blocked and the punt return game was shaky, as McNulty made questionable decisions.

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**Preseason Previews**

**Notre Dame**
- Michigan is a solid team, but is playing with a true freshman quarterback at Notre Dame Stadium, one of the toughest places to play. Two years ago, they were upset in a game that no one thought the Irish could win. But Michigan knows and is ready to prevent an upset.

**ANALYSIS**
- The Irish will have the edge here because of two things — homefield advantage and the fact that their coach's job is in jeopardy. They will come out ready to play because they have been preparing for this game since the day they lost 38-0 last year.

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**Head Coach**
- Lloyd Carr

**Record: 1-0**
- AP: 8
- Coaches: 7

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**Opponent**
- BYU

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Sizing up the Irish and the Wolverines

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Last week, the secondary gave up two big plays of 50 and 42 yards that proved costly. Quentin Burrell (above) and Tom Zbikowski, who saw most of the action against BYU, cannot get beat deep. Preston Jackson is listed as the starter at corner, with Dwight Ellick. Jackson scored a touchdown off an interception last week.

This unit will determine if the Irish can stick with the Wolverines. The best receivers in the country await the Irish, and the secondary must respond for an Irish win.

Michigan’s receivers will give the Irish secondary quite the test, especially after the unit gave up 263 yards against Brigham Young last week. The Irish must prevent big plays.

Braylon Edwards (above) is a deep threat who had 14 touchdowns in 13 games last season. The 6-foot-3 senior is an All-American candidate after being named honorable mention in 2003. He is joined by junior Jason Avant, who earned All-Big Ten honors last season. The 6-foot-1 receiver caught 47 passes last season for 772 yards.
Irish cannot surrender big plays this week

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame held Brigham Young to 22 rushing yards last Saturday and lost.

The Irish made the Cougars punt on 10 of 16 possessions. Derek Curry recovered a forced fumble and Preston Jackson returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown.

And the Irish lost.

“We played pretty well, but we gave up big plays,” defensive end Kyle Budinscak said. “A couple of times on those big plays, we didn’t get to the quarterback and we obviously didn’t make plays on the ball.”

BYU receiver Todd Watkins caught a 50-yard pass in the first quarter to set up a touchdown. Austin Collie beat Notre Dame safety Quentin Burrell to the spot for a 43-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter. And Watkins caught another 38-yard pass in double coverage to run out the clock and end the game.

“As a defense, we have to eliminate big plays. Otherwise, we played solid,” Budinscak said. “Otherwise, we played solid.”

The ‘otherwise’ will not matter against No. 7 Michigan.

The Wolverines boast 6-foot-3 All-American senior Braylon Edwards and juniors Jason Avant and Steve Breaston at wide receiver. Edwards (161 career receptions) is one catch away from passing former Michigan great Anthony Carter in receptions after catching six passes for 91 yards and two touchdowns against Miami of Ohio last Saturday.

“They have the best receiving corps in the country,” defensive coordinator Kent Baer said, “So it’s important to keep the ball in front of you.”

Even if the Irish contain senior running back D a v i d U n d e rwood as they did with the BYU backs, the defense has to be wary of the Wolverines’ big play capabilities.

“I don’t know if we can catch them,” Baer said in a joking manner. “Avant, Edwards, Underwood.

Michigan is expected to start freshman Chad Henne at quarterback. Henne threw for 142 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut.

“It’s kind of a hard offer to (attacking),” senior linebacker Derek Curry said. “One thing we have to do is be aggressive. With a young quarterback, if you put pressure on him, it really brings out their true character on how they handle that.

The aggressiveness of the Notre Dame defensive line was the offseason focus.

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The back end will have its hands full Saturday.

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Defensive coordinator Kent Baer talks to Quentin Burrell during the BYU game last weekend. The Irish defense must limit big plays this week.

Wolverines hungry for win at Notre Dame

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite Notre Dame’s 20-17 loss to unheralded Brigham Young Saturday night, Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is not underestimating the Irish.

“At times, somebody loses a game, and everybody wants to think the house is burning down,” Carr said at a Monday teleconference. “We were in an era in college football when you play on the road, it’s very, very difficult to win. We know we’re going into a great venue to play up for who starts against them, and we’re a very talented group.”

Carr knows the danger of the Irish when they play Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium. Two years ago, he was on the sideline to watch the Notre Dame student body rush the field after a 25-23 upset of his Wolverines.

Last season, Carr’s squad got its revenge in a big way, defeating the Irish 38-0 — Notre Dame’s worst shutout loss in 47 years — in front of a packed Michigan Stadium. Running back Chris Perry gained 117 total yards and scored four touchdowns in that performance and quarterback John Navarre passed for 251 yards and two touchdowns.

Both Perry and Navarre graduated last year, however, in their place are senior David Umbarger, who was crushed for 66 yards on 21 carries and collected two touchdowns against Miami of Ohio and Michigan’s home opener last week and true freshman Chad Henne, who was 14-for-24 for 142 yards and two touchdowns in that game.

Waiting in the wings is Matt Gutierrez, who is also 6-foot-3, and the other Michigan quarterbacks are Daniel Herron and the unheralded part of the Wolverines.

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Ryan Grant breaks a tackle in last year’s game against Michigan. Grant is likely to play this week after missing BYU with a sore hamstring.
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