Rising football ticket prices don't hurt sales

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

A University-issued van driven by a freshman on the Irish men's golf team was hit and totaled by a semi truck on Interstate 80 Thursday afternoon, injuring one of the six team members present in the vehicle.

Scott Gustafson, the team's top-ranked golfer, was the sole passenger injured in the crash. He was transported to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center with lacerations to the elbow caused by broken glass, Indiana State Police said.

Gustafson, a junior, was in stable condition at the hospital Thursday night, nursing supervisor Stella Ford confirmed. Though University athletic officials declined to offer details about Gustafson's treatment, golfer Eric Deutsch said his teammate underwent surgery.

The van was traveling to a team practice session at Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Mich., the site of Friday's opening round of the Notre Dame Invitational and approximately a 45-minute drive from South Bend.

Police said the crash occurred at the 69.9 westbound mile marker of I-80 at approximately 2:20 p.m. The van's driver, freshman golfer Gregory Rodgers, reduced his speed in the freeway's left lane as he prepared to make an illegal U-turn, said St. Trooper Tim McCormick.

To avoid plowing into the back of the van as it approached from behind, the semi "had to take evasive action to avoid collision," McCormick said. He added that several witnesses confirmed Rodgers was "driving extremely slow" and therefore was at fault. Rodgers was ticketed at the scene for attempting a U-turn on the interstate.

As the semi sideswiped the van, both vehicles veered into the left median, McCormick said. It was "pretty much a blur to me. I'm still kind of shaken up," said Deutsch, a junior who was one of the van's passengers. "We only got pretty lucky when the semi was empty — if it's full we're not gonna get away."

Head coach John Haskins, who was waiting for his team in Bridgman at the time of the crash, said he was unable to visit the scene, which "is a real gut punch to the golf team." By CLAIRE HEININGER

News Editor

The Saint Mary's sophomore whose car struck a Notre Dame alumnus early Sunday morning has been ticketed for an alcohol-related offense.

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Cotter did not return phone calls Thursday from The Observer.

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"The students have attributed this year's success to the creative fundraising efforts of the various teams on campus," said Michelle Tarr, a Notre Dame student and campus-wide coordinator of the event.

Teams consist of Notre Dame faculty staff and students. Notre Dame organizations fielding teams range from SLC's to Notre Dame fireworks. The diversity of the clubs reflects the unifying effect of Relay for Life.

"It is the only event I know of where faculty and students come together for a common cause," said Brookshire. "It is amazing to see how small teams can come together and do so well. We had no idea how much energy people would put into this."

Luminaries were distributed to participants earlier this week. With a donation of $5, participants can donate to the memory of someone who has faced cancer. They will line the perimeter of the Stepan Center from dusk to midnight. Organizers have filled the Stepan Center and will continue the event until Saturday night.

Event organizers have filled the Stepan Center to encouraging participants to stay for the full 16 hours. Most teams coordinate schedules for the evening so that at least one member of their team is walking at all times. This allows See ACCIDENT/page 4

Organizers say high participation, enthusiasm helped achieved $80,000 goal

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

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INSIDE COLUMN

Movin’ on up

Three years ago, my family upgraded from a 100-year old house to a brand-new townhouse complex.

This fall I moved from one of the oldest dorms on campus, Lyons Hall, to, as my roommate called it, "the first world" — the sparkling new Welsh Family Hall. Guess what? This time it didn’t cost a thing.

My old house contained two bedrooms and one bathroom. All of you out there know what it feels like to pull the shower curtain shut when you are taking a bath so another member of your family can go to the bathroom, or to “call” the bathroom on the way home from family outings, like you might call shotgun, or to hold your toothpaste spit for abnormally long amounts of time and finally run downstairs and spit it in the kitchen sink?

Well, I do. That’s why moving to a new house with three bedrooms, four bathrooms and the third floor all to myself is so much more rewarding.

That’s not to say I don’t love and miss my old house. After all, it had so much character — my new house looks the same as the other 29 connected to it. And my sisters and I will never fall asleep in such close proximity to each other again.

Living in an basement last year was oddly reminiscent of being in my old house.

In our basement quad we would get out of our top bunks by leaning over and grabbing my roommate’s wardrobe, which was on the opposite wall. We would change by announcing, “Don’t turn around.” When I hadn’t done my laundry in awhile, it would take up approximately one-fourth of our room. We were in such close quarters that I think God never of us broke partisets — it could have been a bit awkward.

Moving into Welsh Family was truly like going from Motel 6 to The Ritz Carlton. I danced around the first day as we set up our futon, which actually fit in the room, lofted our beds in two minutes flat and stretched my cover that very first inch of our massive wall space.

Heck, I think Michael Jordan could stand in our room and jump without touching the ceiling.

Again, that’s not to say I don’t love Lyons. I still reminisce about curling up with three of my roommates in one twin bed to watch “Sex and the City” on a rainy afternoon, and I feel a pang in my heart when I walk under that arch.

But then I remember that they are the people paying the bills for two strikingly different living situations. The same rate does not apply to a Motel 6 and a Ritz Carlton.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What’s your prediction for the football game this weekend?

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"Parachuters will fall out of the sky and beat up MSU’s team."

"Notre Dame completes the sweep of Michigan. ND 30, MSU 14."

"Irish all the way!"

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"ND wins by more than 1."
Domers run in honor of deceased alumna

By JEANNINE PRIVAT

For the first time in 22 years, students, faculty and members of the community will participate in the traditional Domer Run and Walk in honor of a specific individual.

This year the event is being held in memory of Barbara Ann Link, who battled ovarian cancer before passing away last November.

Link was one of the first female graduates of Notre Dame and the wife of David Link, dean emeritus of the Notre Dame Law School.

"(The Domer Run) is a more traditional event that started as a campus run for students," Bill Reagan, RecSports' assistant director of instruction, special event and family programming said. The event originated as an activity for students to participate in during one away-game weekend during football season. When RecSports began to sponsor the event in partnership with the Alumni Association in 1997, however, it evolved into a fundraiser for cancer awareness and aid programs.

This year, all proceeds will go to organizations that deal with ovarian cancer in Link's honor. All three races that comprise the run have the three and six mile runs and the two mile walk — begin at the north end of the stadium and end at Library Quad.

Over its 22-year evolution, a breakfast for the runners has been added. After completing the course, participants are invited to a pancake breakfast under a tent on Library Quad, where awards will be distributed to the winners of the categories each race.

There are awards for male and female divisions in each race, and in each gender subset there is an award for the undergraduate, graduate student and faculty and staff winners.

The money raised from the registration fees of the participants and donations by local organizations is collected and distributed by the Alumni Association to local organizations, like the Women's Cancer Task Force.

A $6 pre-registration is available until 5 p.m. today. Participants can also register for $10 fee at 10 a.m. Saturday before the race begins, under the tent located on Library Quad. These fees include the pancake breakfast and t-shirt that participants are awarded for completing the course.

Participants can begin arriving at the tent on Library Quad at 10 a.m., with the races starting promptly at 11 a.m.

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Malloy's book recounts travels

By JEANNINE PRIVAT

Father Edward Malloy has circumnavigated the globe for the past 17 years as the University of Notre Dame's president — from the Holy Land to Ireland, Chile to Iceland, Tibet to Ground Zero.

In "Monk's Travels: People, Places, and Events," a new book published by Andrews McMeel, Father Malloy recounts his impressions of the places he has visited and the people he has met in more than two dozen nations and locations worldwide. The book is the product of the diaries he has produced in the aftermath of his many presidential journeys.

In the preface, Father Malloy writes: "Ann Tyler wrote a novel entitled 'The Accidental Tourist' that is about a man who is forced to travel but does not want to have any new experiences. He wants to guarantee his safety and security by making sure that everything is predictable and familiar. My goal on my trips was just the opposite: not to do anything too foolish, but to be open to an endless round of new experiences and possibilities."

Father Malloy begins the book with memories of what he calls the most significant event of his more than 40 years at Notre Dame: a Mass on the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001, on the South Quad in remembrance of the victims of that morning's terrorist attacks on America. He goes on to describe his first visit to Ground Zero a month later, writing: "I felt the same way at the World Trade Center as I have felt at the battlefields of Gettysburg or Chancellorsville or Manassas/Bull Run: This is indeed sacred ground, and we honor the dead by being present at the place where they lost their lives."

The book continues with Father Malloy's recollections and observations from his travels through Europe, the Mediterranean region, Eastern Europe, Latin America, South America, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and the Far East.

Professor named ASME fellow

By JEANNINE PRIVAT

Patrick Dunn, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a fellow of the American Society of Engineers. Fellow is the highest elected grade of membership in ASME and is conferred upon a member with at least 10 years of active engineering practice who has made significant contributions in the field. Dunn is the seventh member of Notre Dame's aerospace and mechanical engineering faculty to be named a fellow. The others are: Hafis Atassi, Frank Incropera, Thomas Mueller, John Rainault, Allan Stewenz and Kwang-Tzu Yang.

Dunn is a graduate of Purdue University, where he also earned his doctorate in fluid mechanics in 1974. After receiving his degrees, he taught at both Purdue and Duke Universities and in 1978 joined the engineering division of the Argonne National Laboratory. A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1985, Dunn served from 1998 to 2002 as director of the University's Hessert Laboratory for Aerospace Research, and in 1999 served as director of the College of Engineering's London Program. His research at Notre Dame has focused on the dynamics of aerosol formation, transportation and deposition.
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football team for why she didn't go for the full set.
"I'm not much of a football
fan," she said.
The University's general policy has always discounted Notre Dame student tickets 50 percent, off the general admission price, and Saint Mary's students receive a 33 percent discount, said Tom Nevala, assistant ath­letic director for business opera­tions.
Notre Dame students who have trouble affording tickets can appeal to the Rectur Fund for assistance with the cost. Saint Mary's has no comparable program.
For its part, the University claims such ticket price hikes are necessarily to support the mission of the athletic depart­ment and contribute funds toward other University priori­ties.
"Most of the decisions that involve revenue-generating come back to tickets," said Nevala.
According to Nevala, the University administration oversees the athletic department, and specifically football, to gen­erate about $12 million per year, which becomes included in Notre Dame's overall budget.
Nevala said this level has remained relatively constant over the past four years, he expects it to remain high as the University continues its push to increase financial aid. However, the athletic directors set the actual ticket price yearly. But in addition to the net rev­

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other participants to enjoy the various activities planned for the evening. A dunk tank will be on site, and hayrides will be given throughout the campus from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. In addition, the Science Observatory will be open from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. to view the stars. The M r. Relay Pageant will begin at 11 p.m.
Event coordinators have not regis­
tered they are encouraged to attend. Registration tables will be open during the night and stude­
"We know we're at a pretty
critical juncture for football tick­
ects," he said.
At the University hopes to find alternative sources to generate revenue, but won't participate in widespread licensing like many other universities.
"We don't do blatant corporate sponsors hipsthat's just Notre Dame," Nevala said. "We have to be very creative to find other revenue sources."
Nonetheless, Nevala noted that demand for general admission tickets remained very high given the sellout crowds in attendance week after week at Notre Dame Stadium.
Some marketing professors would say, if your building is sold out then you should raise ticket prices," he said.
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Gustafson in the hospital.
"It's recovering, he should be okay tomorrow," Jasinski said.
The van, a 2000 blue Chevy, was towed after suffering nearly $10,000 worth of damage, McCormick said. Damages to the semi were estimated at $1,000.
University spokesman Matt Storin and Associate Athletic Director John Heisler both declined to comment on whether the University will cover the vehicular damage or Gustafson's hospital fees.
Heisler said it was not unusu­ally looking forward to it.
"The last major accident involving a Notre Dame sports team occurred in January 1992, when a United Limo bus carrying the women's swim team overturned on the Indiana Toll Road, killing two swimmers and injuring 32.
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PARTY AT THE PAC
Notre Dame Open House
Friday, September 17
Step off from the Main Building with the Band of the Fighting Irish at 4 p.m.
Join the parade with costumed actors from FTT and the Irish Guard.
See the fanfare that is the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and stay open until 10 p.m.
Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross Faculty, Staff, Students and Families Welcome
Come and celebrate the opening of your performing arts center! Enjoy a self-directed tour through the facility. Maps will be available. Notre Dame and regional performers will showcase their considerable talents in all five venues.

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breathealyzed at the scene of the accident and taken to the St. Joseph County Jail for an additional blood-alco­hol level test as per state law.
Both the South Bend Police and St. Joseph County Prosecutor's office declined to release the blood-alcohol levels of both the driver and the victim and to elaborate specifically on who was drinking, stating only that the investigation is ongoing and that alcohol appeared to be a factor.
Police said the accident remains under investigation pending conclusion of the accident. At that time the prosecutor's office may decide to file additional charges against Miltenberg.
Rakow said that the corru­gating rule of O'Connor's death as an acci­dent is independent of both the police investigation and the prosecutor's decision of whether to bring further charges against Miltenberg.
O'Connor's funeral was Thursday in his hometown of West Chester, Penn.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. launches attacks in Fallujah

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces launched attacks Thursday in the Sunni towns of Fallujah and Ramadi, killing up to 60 insurgents in strikes against allies of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a military statement said.

The military said that the "foreign fighters" were responsible for the attacks, which it said were carried out by a "foreign fighter" network.

"Those foreign fighters who escaped the initial strike fired into the town of Gharra al Rufus," the military said.

IAEA wrestles with Iran resolution

VIENNA, Austria — U.S. and European diplomats tentatively agreed Thursday to demand a new Iranian freeze on uranium enrichment by fall as they fine-tuned a draft resolution meant to deprive Iran of technology that could be used to make nuclear weapons.

But negotiations over the text being prepared for the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors were overshadowed by a U.S. charge that the IAEA's nuclear watchdog had kept silent about its concerns over possible nuclear weapons-related tests in Iran.

"This is a serious omission," a U.S. official said, alluding to the lack of specific mention of the Parchin complex in a report that IAEA director Mohamed ElBaradei wrote for the board on the status of a probe into Iran's nuclear activities.

NATIONAL NEWS

TSA announces security tightening

WASHINGTON — Starting next week, all air passengers must take off their jackets before passing through metal detectors and have their carry-ons x-rayed on a conveyor belt, TSA spokeswoman Yolanda Clark said.

The change is part of a government effort to fortify our screening procedures to detect the presence of explosives carried on a person or in carryon luggage," she said.

Bags checked onto planes must pass through machines that can detect various kinds of explosives.

Twins die after surgical separation

BALTIMORE — A little girl born with her head fused to the back of her twin sister died Thursday, shortly after surgeons separated them.

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Hurricane Ivan slams Gulf Coast

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Hurricane Ivan dried the Gulf Coast early Thursday with 110 mph winds that inflicted less damage than feared everywhere except Florida's Panhandle, where residents who walked left with surgically grafted beachfronts, flooded streets and homes ripped apart by deadly tornadoes.

The storm was blamed for at least 18 U.S. deaths, most of them in Florida.

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Ivan quickly deteriorated to a tropical storm after coming ashore. But forecasters warned it was not done yet: It threatened up to 15 inches of rain over the next few days.

Ivan spun off at least a dozen tornados in Florida, while creating a storm surge of 10 to 16 feet, topped by large battering waves. A portion of a bridge on Interstate 10, the major east-west highway through the Panhandle, was washed away.

Gunmen kidnap two Americans, one Briton in morning raid of Iraqi capital

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A team of kidnappers grabbed two Americans and a Briton in a dawn raid, security officials said Thursday, in an abduction that underlines the increasing danger for foreigners in the embattled capital as violence soars ahead of national elections planned for early next year.

West of the capital, U.S. forces launched attacks in the Sunni insurgent strongholds of Fallujah and Ramadi, killing up to 60 insurgents in strikes against allies of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a military statement said.

The military said that the "foreign fighters" were killed near Fallujah, but hospital officials there said the city was calm and that they had not received any casualties.

The military launched what it called a "precision strike" against insurgents in Fallujah and followed it with a second strike in a nearby town. The second strike destroyed three buildings allegedly used by Zarqawi's network.

Also Thursday, three U.S. Marines assigned to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force were killed by hostile fire in separate incidents in the western Anbar province, the military said.

The western Anbar province has become a hotbed of Iraqi and foreign fighters fighting security operations, the military said. One Marine died as the scene and two others died later of their wounds. No other details were released.

The U.S. Embassy identified two of the Americans as Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong, but the identity of the British man was not disclosed.

The three worked for Gulf Services Co., a United Arab Emirates-based construction company. "They were doing work under contracts with them in Baghdad," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The abduction took place in the al-Mansour neighborhood, one of the most affluent in Baghdad.

Foreign embassies and prominent Iraqi politicians are based in the neighborhood.

The team of about 10 attackers drove to the head of the tree-lined street in a minivan, walked up to the house, circumvented a concrete wall and snatched the Westerners without a gunfight, said Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman, an Interior Ministry official.

A 15-year-old boy said he was walking down the street when he saw a man dressed in black, his face covered with a red Arab headdress, dragging one of the Westerners by the collar and pushing him into a car parked outside the house.

"We were prepared for a car and I was scared, but my mother told me that they might be some people fixing the generator," he said.

"These are kind people who have come to rebuild Iraq," she added. "Why did this happen to them?"

Neighbors knew the foreigners because they had allowed them to use their generator for electricity during Baghdad's sweltering summer.

One resident, who would give his name only as Majid for fear of reprisals, said he left his house about 6 a.m. during a power outage to turn on the communal generator.

"I noticed unusual movement in the garage," he said. "I heard voices that sounded like someone was trying to drag somebody else," he said. "I was frightened and left the area, but when I came back to the foreigners' house, I saw that the outer gate was open and the foreigners' car had gone."
Lethal injections may be banned
Lawsuits seek to nix means of capital punishment

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lethal injection, when used for the first time in Texas nearly 22 years ago, was touted as a more humane way to execute prisoners than the firing squad, hanging, the gas chamber or even the electric chair.

Today, though, death penalty opponents are challenging that notion based on the Constitution’s Eighth Amendment, which prohibits “cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.”

Attorneys in at least a dozen of the 37 states that use lethal injection have filed lawsuits seeking to ban the procedure, which they say puts inmates through excruciating pain because the anesthetic wears off before the two other drugs are injected. Prosecutors and victims rights advocates call the lawsuits “the appeal du jour.”

“It is clear that no method would be acceptable to those who oppose capital punishment in principle,” said Pete Adams, executive director of the Louisiana District Attorney’s Association. “It should be remembered that anti-death penalty advocates see their position as a cause as a long-term campaign to be waged on many fronts.”

The most recent anti-death penalty action was brought in civil court in Kentucky. Earlier this year, New Jersey stopped lethal injections after an appeals court found insufficient medical knowledge to support the procedure. The Kentucky case involves two convicted murderers, Thomas Clyde Bowling and Ralph Baze. Their lawyers argue that Bowling and Baze “will be tortured to death” if the state executes them by lethal injection.

A lethal injection is comprised of an anesthetic, a paralytic drug and potassium chloride, which causes cardiac arrest. Pennsylvania state Rep. Daylin Leach has proposed eliminating the paralytic drug from that state’s lethal injection. Not using it may show whether inmates are conscious when receiving potassium chloride or if they are awake and just unable to speak, Leach said. Someone squirming and screamed in pain as the lethal dose is administered could be enough to prompt states to refine the procedure, he said.

Higgins represents Marine Maj. Clarke Paulius, who ran the jail at the prison camp and is accused of ordering one of his men to drag Hatab by his neck after the Iraqi suffered a severe back injury and collapsed while in custody.

Paulius, 35, faces up to 4 1/2 years in prison if convicted of aggravated assault, dereliction of duty and maltreatment of prisoners. Court-martial is scheduled to convene on November at Camp Pendleton, the Marine base north of San Diego.

Last week, a military judge delayed the start of the court-martial because of the missing evidence and ordered prosecutors to redouble their efforts to find the items. The judge, Col. Robert Chesters, threatened “some extreme measures” to correct what he viewed as serious problems interfering with the case.

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Marine guards have testified that Hatab was targeted for rough treatment because they believed he had a role in the brutal slaying of a U.S. Army convoy that killed 11 soldiers and led to the capture of Pvt. Jessica Lynch and others.

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**IN BRIEF**

Martha Stewart to report to prison

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart said she would miss her many pets and hoped to be free in time for her cherished spring gardening.

She was sentenced in July to five months in prison and five months of house arrest. The agreement calls for Infineon to plead guilty to price fixing.

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**OPEC set to increase oil production**

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC will increase its oil production target by 1 million barrels a day after this year in a move widely viewed as more symbolic than significant, given that the cartel has been exceeding the new output limit since the beginning of the year.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Faisal said Wednesday the cartel agreed to the decision to raise output by nearly 4 percent, adding it would take effect in November.

"We will give a signal to the market that we are working hard for the stability of the market," he said. "It's a gesture of will of the consumers that we want lower prices," Algerian Oil Minister Chakib Khelil said.

But Leo Drollas, chief economist at the London-based Center for Global Energy Studies, said the decision was irrelevant.

"It's a PR exercise to prove to the consumer that OPEC actually likes them," he said. "It's not going to help the market at all.

The move will increase OPEC's self-imposed output limit for all its members, except Iraq, from 26 million barrels a day to 27 million barrels, but the cartel is already producing 27.4 million barrels and accounts for one-third of the world's oil supply.

Crude prices in New York and London climbed to record highs earlier this summer, but have eased in recent weeks. In trading Wednesday morning, U.S. crude futures were up 61 cents at $45.45 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, moved largely by government data showing a decline in inventory for the third week in a row. The high reached Aug. 19 was $48.70 a barrel. October Brent crude was up 32 cents at $42.85 in trading on London's International Petroleum Exchange.

A proposal by the cartel's board of governors to increase the price band for its basket of cruces, currently at $22 to $28, will be made at a meeting Dec. 10 in Cairo.

Prices have long been well above the upper end of the band, which is the cartel's preferred selling range. OPEC's basket price, currently at the $39 a barrel range, is lower than prices in the United States because that market requires a higher grade of product.
Bush visits South on fundraising trip

Incumbent seeks women's votes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is dusting off his fund-raiser-in-chief hat and resuming the task of collecting campaign cash for himself and other Republican candidates.

He was raising money Friday in Washington and North Carolina and, while down south, was holding an event designed to boost his standing among female voters.

Bush last appeared at a fund-raiser Aug. 13 in Seattle, and has spent far less time raising money in recent months than campaigning.

Rep. Richard Burr, who is running for an open Senate seat in North Carolina, said Bush's trip was part of a national fundraising effort.

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"You Killed My Son"

New Jersey woman protesting son's death in Iraq war is escorted from First Lady's speech

Associated Press

HAMILTON, N.J. — A woman wearing a T-shirt with the words "President Bush You Killed My Son" and a picture of a soldier killed in Iraq was detained Thursday after she interrupted a campaign event in New Hampshire.

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The Bush-Cheney campaign said the links aren't there.

"John Kerry's latest personal attack has as much accuracy as a Kitty Kelly novel," said spokesman Steve Schmidt, referring to the expose author who recently released a book on the Bush family. "It's a breathtakingly dishonest attack by John Kerry."

Schmidt said deferred compensation packages have been accepted by other business leaders who move to the private sector, including some in President Clinton's administration.

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Casino workers strike

John Wilhelm, left, president of Hospitality Industry Unite Here, appears before demonstrators on the beach in Atlantic City, N.J.

Atlantic City, N.J. — Waving signs that read "No Contract, No Peace" and "Contract Now," an estimated 5,000 casino hotel workers Thursday marched along the Boardwalk and onto the beach in a boisterous show of union solidarity.

There were no arrests or reports of violence, police said.

Most of the marchers were members of the 17,000-member Local 54 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union, which has been working without a contract since midnight Tuesday. Union members have voted to authorize a strike, but one has not been called.

"We don't want to strike, but we will if we have to," said Mary Walsh, 43, a buffet server at Resorts Atlantic City. "Here, we're trying to show we're all together."

The union, which represents bartenders, cooks, cocktail servers, housekeepers and other rank-and-file casino employees, is embroiled in a bitter dispute with the casinos over the use of nonunion subcontractors in casino restaurants and bars.

They were joined by members of the union's international affiliate, and by construction trades workers and other union supporters from neighboring states.

Starting at opposite ends of the Boardwalk, two groups waved signs and chanted slogans, greeting bystanders to the storefronts and rival signs that line the Boardwalk. The union last struck in 1999 with a three-day walkout.

"Contract Now," an estimate of union solidarity.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has criticized the president's handling of the war in Iraq, but has also said he still would have voted to authorize the war even if he had known no weapons of mass destruction would be found there.

Duelfer's report is expected to be similar to findings reported by his predecessor, David Kay, who presented an interim report to Congress in October.

"They were almost all wrong" about Saddam's weapons programs.

The new analysis, however, is expected to fall between the position of the Bush administration before the war — portraying Saddam's weapons program as a dire threat — and the declarative statements Kay made after he resigned his post last year.

It will also add more evidence and flesh out Kay's October findings.

Then, Kay said the Iraq Survey Group had only uncovered limited evidence of secret chemical and biological weapons programs, but he found substantial evidence of an Iraqi push to boost the range of its ballistic missiles beyond prohibited ranges.

He also said there was almost no sign that a significant nuclear weapons project was under way.

Deuelfer's report doesn't reach firm conclusions in all areas.

For instance, U.S. officials are still investigating whether Saddam Hussein's fallen regime may have sent chemical weapons equipment and personnel to Syria.

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Nickel gets make-over

Jefferson head bigger, bolder on coin

WASHINGTON — Thomas Jefferson appears bolder and bigger on new five-cent pieces, marking his fifth-floor redesign since he landed on the nickel in 1938.

The maker of the nation's coins, the U.S. Mint, revealed designs for two new nickels to be issued in 2005.

The unveiling Thursday was the latest in a series of design changes for the coins.

A new likeness of Jefferson will be on the front of the two revamped coins, giving the third president a fresh, contemporary look, Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore said.

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"With the makeover, Jefferson will move from the center of the coin to the side, where he gazes in a close-up shot that shows more detailed features of his face."

"I wanted an image that was large enough so that you could see the determination and intensity in his eyes. The kindness of his mouth. His sense of humor. The dignity that was guiding me... I wanted you to get a sense of the character of the person," said artist Joe Fitzgerald, who created the design for the front of the new nickel.

Also on the front of both new coins: The word "liberty" will appear in script, as Jefferson once had written in his own hand.

The phrase "In God We Trust" remains as well as the "United States of America" and "19XX" dates once had written in his own handwriting.

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Authorities withheld Columbine documents

DENVER — Authorities decided soon after the Columbine High School massacre to withhold a document showing deputies knew one of the killers had been accused two years earlier of making death threats and building pipe bombs, according to a grand jury report released Thursday.

The grand jury also said it was "troubled" by still-missing documents in what remains the deadliest school attack in U.S. history. But it did not hand up any indictments, closing at least the third investigation that has elected not to place any blame for the slaughter of 13 people by suicidal teens Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold.

Victims' families said the report confirmed their suspicions that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office covered up mistakes that could have led authorities to the killers as much as two years before the attack.

"Clearly Columbine never should have happened and they don't want the public to know that," said Brian Robbough, one of several family members who met Thursday with Attorney General Ken Salazar.

Robbough's son, Daniel, was among the students slain on April 20, 1999. The grand jury said it didn't hand up any indictments because all the witnesses claimed to know nothing about the missing sheriff's records. The records involved a draft search warrant for Harris' home a year before the attack.

Salazar took the case to the grand jury after the sheriff asked him to investigate last fall.

The grand jury report said the draft affidavit, never submitted to a judge, was the subject of "a private meeting of high-ranking Jefferson County officials and law enforcement officials" called a few days after the attack to discuss the document and its "potential liabilities."

As a result of that meeting, the sheriff's office decided to discuss the affidavit in an April 30, 1999, news conference.

State district judge ordered the affidavit's release in 2001.

Jefferson County District Attorney Dave Thomas, who was at the post-attack meeting said Thursday that the first time he saw the affidavit and that it didn't provide enough evidence to warrant a search of the Harris home. His spokeswoman, Pam Russell, also said prosecutors weren't asked during the meeting whether investigators should publicly disclose the document.
Officer accuses panelists of bias
Dismissals suggested in Guantanamo Bay hearings

SAN JUAN — The presiding officer in charge of U.S. military commissions in Guantanamo Bay has recommended that two panel members be dismissed from hearing cases of suspected terrorists because they could be considered biased.

Army Col. Peter Brownback made the recommendations in a letter to commissions' appointing authority and obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday. The recommendation for their dismissal came after defense challenges last month at preliminary hearings for four Guantanamo prisoners charged with war crimes.

The two men Brownback said should step aside were Air Force Lt. Col. Timothy Toomey, an intelligence officer who was involved in capture of suspects in Afghanistan, and alternate panel member, Army Lt. Col. Curt Cooper, who admitted calling Guantanamo prisoners "terrorists."

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Performing arts center overdue

The departments of Music and Film and Television and Theater have been waiting a long time for this opportunity. Students and professors have waited patiently for much longer than just the 20 years of planning and construction that went into the new project. They have waited while nearly every other department on campus has been given appropriate space. They have waited and worked with what was available — buildings that could not meet the full needs of the TFT. But now the wait is finally over. The end may have been a long time coming — but it is a spectacular end.

The Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is not just an improvement over Washington Hall. The center is designed to fit the needs of the performing arts departments in a way no building on campus has ever been able to do. Every student and faculty member of the arts on campus — from the film classes that can now see their films clips perfectly projected in the theater classes that can build their sets in a real scenery shop — will benefit enormously from the new facility.

The University has not just passed a phenomenal facility performance, but a phenomenal facility performance facility that will allow students as much as possible. By constructing a center with a variety of smaller venues instead of a single large performance space, the University has committed itself to students first and foremost, providing them with diverse opportunities in different opportunities in different departments. The Performing Arts center is a jewel that will also allow students to see legendary performing artists at prices that could not be found elsewhere.

The PAC will not just change the face of Notre Dame arts education. The building is not only the best performing arts center in South Bend but one of the best in all of Northern Indiana. Any member of the community interested in the arts will experience the difference almost as much as students of music and TFT programs. The chance to see famous artists like Wynton Marsalis in a TVN-theater centered theater is something that benefits both the campus and surrounding communities.

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If President Franklin Roosevelt were seeking election in a political climate resembling today's, one cannot help but wonder whether he would have cared about his qualifications to serve. His theory is that a man who has himself sandwiched between two vitriolic 527s is so short of importante as to need the support of his party to win. The question is whether his poll will keep him from leading effectively, and the other charging that his poll is a fabricated play to gain sympathy among the electorate.

To such levels have descended the tremendously negative campaigns run by President George W. Bush, John Kerry and a host of independent groups who wink and nudge at the candidate they hope to win. 527s, emerging as loopholes for wealthy donors to funnel money into efforts to undermine a candidate and negate a central goal motivating Campaign Finance Reform — attack politics should be minimized without completely stoning out free speech.

The 527s have been achieved, in fact, as both campaigners, their surrogates and every variety of "unaffiliated" groups attempt to beat their opponents to the punch and their stock-matching abilities. Negative campaigning can serve an important purpose — flushing out Bush and Kerry's qualifications for the presidency — but the tawdry debates about 30-year old behavior and the unwavering chants of "liar, liar, liar!" have little substantive discussion over what Kerry and Bush have to offer for the next four years.

Perhaps even more distressing is the idea that the labels being thrown at the Kerry camp why he believes raising taxes on the most productive Americans will fund the swarm of costly social programs he proposes. How often is Bush asked to explain how his ideas would impact the upper class? I try not to hold my breath when I turn on TV.

Instead of policy debate and positive campaigning, Bush and Kerry are locked in a prisoner's dilemma that serves the electorate nor gives either candidate the upper hand. Lifting from the traditional game theory application, the prisoner's dilemma occurs when both sides would benefit from cooperating, but a defection allows one side to gain an advantage until the other follows suit. According to an "equilibrium" with a payoff matrix, the possiblity of mutual cooperation for both players.

In the presidential campaign, each side faces the option of strictly positive campaigning — attacking the other without engaging in cheap partisan attacks, and thereby ensuring their position in the future. And independent attack groups don't have to worry about their lower in the public eye. If Americans knew the true measure of leadership is doing what is in the best interest of the country. When John Kerry testified against the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, something he did during an apparently "nonexistent" Senate career, he knew that it would weaken our military.

Republicans like to hold up distorted interpretations of Senate votes to show John Kerry has consistently voted to weaken our military, but in this case, who is really weakening our defenses? Why would Kerry not use the bipartisan support after Sept. 11 to repeal this unwise Clinton policy? The Republican platform passed during their convention gives insight into their agenda by stating that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. In addition to stating opposition to discrimination laws, same-sex marriage and civil unions. In his speech to the Republican convention, Bush from fomenting and spilling over as Republicans and angry swift boat veterans target the Kerry punch bagging. By four, both sides in the presidential campaign are an unchecked force — Bush is willing to fight the war on terror, but that would be a disservice to the estimated 50,000 service men and women who hate and lie about their sexuality on a daily basis in order to continue fighting for our country. How can we as an electorate claim that Bush will be a stronger leader more capable of protecting America from terrorists when he so willingly casts aside qualified and patriotic soldiers? How can we claim a better leader to find and root out terror. Thus the vital task of trying to present a credible alternative is more difficult to overcome due to a shortage of interpreters only made worse by casting aside qualified gay and lesbian service men and women.

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Already the angle of choice is Bush's national guard service, which seemingly was exaggerated in the first place and strikes a contrast between Bush's service at home and Kerry's service in Vietnam. As Democrats vamp up the negative campaign to reach a stable equilibrium, they are not sure why it is inappropriate for this man to have proceeded without complete control. The true community. We are not denying that Notre Dame should have reprimanded whether his polio is a fabricated ploy or not, but it is clear that Kerry should have backed off, and attacks on President Bush's claim of being a man for the job of president.

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Performing Arts Center opens with a Bang

By MARIA SMITH

The opening of the Debaroftware Center for the Performing Arts is a momentous occasion for the Film, Television and Theatre departments, as well as for the campus as a whole. In celebration of this major move from Washington Hall to the new center, the faculty from the FTT departments will stage a costumed parade in celebration of their move from their old facility to the new building.

The Campus Open House for the PAC will kick off at 4:00 p.m. on the steps of Washington Hall, where the Notre Dame marching band and the faculty of FTT in costume will start a procession to the new building.

The processional, which will include banners bearing the messages "FTT On the Move" and "Farewell Washington Hall, Hello PAC," is meant as a theatrical representation of the department's move to its new home.

"We're moving from a 19th century building to a 20th century building," said FTT chair Peter Holland.

"Washington Hall was much loved, but it doesn't meet our needs."

While it is The Clarks' first show at its hometown. Many other students might recognize the band from various tours over the years. The Clarks average 150 shows a year and has played with John Mayer and O.A.R., as well as two artists who played at Legends last year, Gavin DeGraw and Ari Hest.

"Fast Moving Cars" features the songwriting and musical talents of all members of the band: Scott Blasey on lead vocals and guitar; Robert James on guitar and vocals, Greg Joseph on bass and vocals, and Dave Minarik on drums and vocals.

It's been a really good thing," Blasey said on the band's Website (www.clarks-online.com). "It's allowed us to put out a new album every two years."

The Clarks has built a strong following nationwide without necessarily becoming mainstream or breaking in the limelight. Famous or not, with the new CD and continued exposure on national tours, The Clarks is definitely one of the most talented and most notable bands around.

"SUB is excited to bring a well-known, up-and-coming band to kick off our season at Legends," Fox said.

The next big event for the band is perhaps one of the most fun concerts any band could play. Boarding a Caribbean cruise ship with almost a dozen other performers, including Cowboy Mouth, Gavin DeGraw, and Hello Dave, 'The Rock Boat' will take passengers and music fans from Miami to the Cayman Islands and back, while featuring some of the best new music performed live.

While they are excited about the cruise, tour manager Williams said coming to Notre Dame would be a great opportunity for the group to reach a new audience in a great venue. Now in its second year, Legends had already featured Chicago band Lucky Boys Confusion and hosted the first "Best Of Acousticafe" last night. SUB hopes to continue using the Legends stage for exciting young bands, as well as to feature campus talent with Acousticafe.

The show begins at 10:30 PM after the game watch sponsored by the Classes of 2006 and 2007 at Legends. The Clarks brings a little bit of everything and pulls from songs written over the last several years, as well as new ones from "Fast Moving Cars."

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A weekend of performances at the new Debartolo Performing Arts Center culminates with one of the most celebrated members of the modern jazz era, as legendary trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra give the inaugural performance in the PAC's Leighton Concert Hall on Sunday.

Marsalis was born on Oct. 18, 1961, in New Orleans. He began studying trumpet seriously when he was 12, and six years later enrolled in the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. In 1980 he joined Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers and also signed a recording contract with Columbia Records, which led to his self-titled debut album in 1982. Since then, Marsalis's jazz and classical recordings have sold over five million albums worldwide while also creating a discography of more than 30 recordings and winning eight Grammy Awards. In 1997 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in music for his oratorio "Blood in the Fields," a composition that centered on the lives of two slaves. He became the first jazz musician to win the prize.

The importance of music education has been another prerogative for Marsalis. In the late '90s he released a four-part TV series entitled "Marsalis on Music," in which he worked alongside internationally-acclaimed artists such as cellist Yo-Yo Ma and conductor Seiji Ozawa in teaching younger audiences about the fundamentals of musical technique. The series drew comparisons to Leonard Bernstein's "Young People's Concerts" and won a Peabody Award. Marsalis emphasized jazz in New York by co-founding the Jazz at the Lincoln Center program in 1987. He presently serves as its director. While Marsalis's experience in jazz has received high praise, he is also acclaimed for his work in both classical and baroque trumpet studies and composition. Ever since his debut album he continues to record and released baroque and classical trumpet concertos, and has worked closely with such stars as Kathleen Battle. He has also written compositions for dance choreographers such as Peter Martins and Twyla Tharp, including "Jump Start," which received rave reviews from such publications as the New York Times and Newsweek. Some of the honorary awards and degrees bestowed upon Marsalis include the Grand Prix du Disque of France, the Edison Award from the Netherlands, and honorary degrees from such places as the Royal Academy of Music, Yale, Princeton, Brown and the University of Miami. He has been profiled in many mainstream and jazz publications, and in 1996 was featured in Time magazine as "one of America's 25 most influential people."

The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra was founded in 1988 and is presently under Marsalis's direction. The orchestra specializes in the music of Duke Ellington, but also works to reestablish the whole historical jazz period. This includes the works of musicians such as Thelonious Monk, Count Basie, Beantie Matea, and Charles Mingus. They also perform contemporary avant-garde works, and it is not uncommon for these pieces to be premiered by the group. While Marsalis is the most prominent member of the Jazz Orchestra, all its members are exceedingly experienced and talented musicians. The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra are a renowned group, having performed in venues all over the country.

The inaugural concert takes place Sunday at 8 PM at the PAC and will run approximately two hours. Tickets are $75 dollars for adults and $25 dollars for students.

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Players glad Hurricane Ivan did little damage to city of New Orleans, excited to play in dry conditions on Sunday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The San Francisco 49ers were almost as relieved as the home team when New Orleans got nothing more than a bit of rain from Hurricane Ivan.

While the Saints spent the week working out and worrying in San Antonio, where they moved on Tuesday to escape the approaching storm, Niners coach Dennis Erickson and his players were grateful Sunday’s game will be safe and dry.

“It reminds you how important football is — not very,” said Erickson, whose Miami home was destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Ivan left New Orleans largely unscathed, so the game will go on despite early fears it might be moved to Texas or even postponed.

That means the Superdome should be as inhospitable as ever for the 49ers, a favorite target of derision for New Orleans’ loyal fans in the long-standing NFC West rivalry.

“It’s always tough for us down there,” said 49ers cornerback Jimmy Williams, a Louisiana native who got most of his family out of town before Ivan approached. “They love the Saints, and they don’t love the 49ers. Whether there’s a storm or not, there will be fans who don’t like us there.”

The Saints spent the early part of the week tending to family concerns, sending their loved ones north to Shreveport or west to Texas. But the trip to San Antonio seemed to help the players focus on business after last Sunday’s 21-7 home loss to the Falcons.

Even coach Jim Haslett, a notorious control freak, seemed more relaxed than normal while living in a comfortable hotel.

“I think all of our guys are pretty much mature enough to understand that they still have to get themselves, their mind and their body ready to play,” Saints running back Deuce McAllister said. “Regardless of the obstacles that you have to overcome, you still have to get ready to play.”

San Francisco’s young lineup could use a rough afternoon against the Saints, who expect their veteran defense to be among the NFL’s best. New Orleans was stung in its opener, allowing 451 yards to the powerful Seahawks.

So the Saints will do everything possible to harass Ken Dorsey, the 49ers’ promising second-year quarterback. He’s expected to make his first NFL start against the Seahawks.

“It’s always tough for us down there,” said Haslett, whose son, a big fan among the NFL’s meilleurs, is a player for Miami’s John Carroll.

“It’s a heck of a pass-rusher. He’s got a good offensive mind. He’s got a good release,” Haslett said. “He’s got a good defensive mind. He’s got a good release.”

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Saints running back

Saints quarterback Todd Bouman Is tackled by Dolphins defensive end David Bowens as he tries to avoid Detroit’s defense.

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A youth hockey player skates on the empty ice at the Nashville Predators practice facility Thursday, the day the Predators were scheduled to open training camp.

NFL begins 2004-05 season lock out

Associated Press
NEW YORK — No shot, no save, no goals. The National Hockey League locked out its players Thursday, threatening to keep the sport off the ice for the entire 2004-05 season and perhaps beyond in an effort by management to gain massive economic changes.

After the long-awaited decision was approved unanimously Wednesday by NHL owners, commissioner Gary Bettman repeatedly belittled the union's bargaining position, talked about the possibility the confrontation could extend into the 2005-06 season and said the conflict has jeopardized the NHL's participation in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

"When we ultimately make the deal that has to be made, we will then see whether or not there is time for a season or some semblance of a season," he said. "If there is, great, and if there isn't, then we'll deal with the next season when it comes along."

Bettman claimed teams had combined to lose more than $1.8 billion over 10 years, and said management will not agree to a labor deal that doesn't include a defined relationship between revenue and salaries.

"Until he gets off the salary-cap issue, there's no chance for us to get an agreement," union head Bob Goodenow said in Toronto, adding that players "are not prepared to entertain a salary cap in any way, shape, measure or form."

Far apart on both philosophy and finances, the sides haven't bargained since last Thursday and say they are entrenched for the long run, echoing words of baseball players and owners at the start of their disastrous 1994-95 lockout.

There is almost no chance the season will start as scheduled on Oct. 13, and Bettman told teams to release their arena plans for other events for the next 30 days. Bettman said the season can't extend past June, and the lockout threatens to wipe out the Stanley Cup final for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due a Spanish influenza epidemic.

IN BRIEF

'Monday Night Football' to use five-second delay
NEW YORK — "Monday Night Football" will be broadcast on a five-second delay for the rest of the season, a reaction to the furor caused by last season's Super Bowl halftime show.

The move is just a precaution, an ABC spokesman said.

At halftime of New England's win over Carolina in the Super Bowl on Feb. 3, Justin Timberlake ripped off his pants, a wardrobe malfunction that exposed his right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million. The Super Bowl was repeated on ABC to prevent a 10-second delay on ABC to prevent a wardrobe "malfunction" that exposed his right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million.

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The decision to start Gallery at right tackle, at least temporarily, is a change.

After the Super Bowl, the Federal Communications Commission received more than 500,000 complaints about the broadcast.

The commission is reportedly considering a fine of $550,000 against CBS for violating broadcast decency standards.

Oakland rookie Gallery starts first game at right tackle
ALAMEDA, Calif. — Robert Gallery's future is certain to be at left tackle, but for the time being he'll have to settle for playing the right side for the Oakland Raiders.

Gallery, the second overall pick in the NFL draft, will make his first start Sunday against Buffalo.

He replaces third-year player Langston Walker, the right tackle in Oakland's season-opening loss to Pittsburgh.

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The decision to start Gallery at right tackle ends, at least temporarily, the Raiders' experiment with the rookie. Gallery worked at both tackle and guard during the preseason but failed to supplant starters Barry Sims and Frank Middleton.

Soriano hurts leg in headfirst slide
OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers star Alfonso Soriano lost Thursday's game against Oakland in the eighth inning after injuring his left leg on a headfirst slide, putting the rest of his season in doubt.

The All-Star second baseman will have an MRI exam Friday.

"It doesn't look very good," manager Buck Showalter said after Texas' 5-4 loss to the Athletics. "But we won't comment until the MRI." Soriano was hurt while stealing third base. He easily beat the throw, but appeared to get his left foot caught under his right leg as he reached out for the bag.

Soriano fell pain behind his left knee.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "Right now, I can't feel the tendon behind the knee. About three or four feet before I got to the base, I started my slide, and I felt something."

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Barry Bonds flies out Wednesday night against the Brewers. He is currently third all-time with 699 home runs.

Without Ramirez, Chicago would have lost precious ground in the wild-card chase. The homer binge kept the Cubs half-game back of San Francisco and revived them at the start of their final regular season road trip — four cities, 12 games.

"One-man wrecking crew," starter Johan Santana marveled. "If I had the kitchen sink in my back pocket, I would have thrown it up there and probably wouldn't have hit it." That's how helpless he made them feel.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer and a solo shot off Hancock, then put the Cubs ahead in the seventh with a two-out, two-run drive off Ryan Wagner (3-2) for his second three-homer game of the season. Ramirez also hit three against Philadelphia on July 30.

"He's the first player to have three three-homer games in a season since 2001," when Sammy Sosa had three. Barry Bonds, Jeromy Burnitz and Carlos Delgado also did it that year.

Twelve major leaguers have hit three homers in a game this season.

"We know what he can do," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "We got six hits and got four of them, drove in all the runs. This is what you need. You need somebody like that — or somebody's — in different games to put the whole team on his back and carry it, which he did."
SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles go to ND for race

Saint Mary's to participate in Irish National Invitational

**By Anna FRICANO**  Sports Writer

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Storm awaits LSU, Auburn

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn and LSU have played several nickname games in recent years: The Fire Game. The Interception Game. The Cigar Game.

The latest entry might be The Hurricane Game.

Saturday's high-stakes matchup between No. 14 Auburn and No. 5 LSU is in limbo because of Hurricane Ivan. The storm blew into Alabama and Louisiana and left concerns about safety, travel plans and available support personnel.

Auburn officials will likely decide Friday morning whether to reschedule the afternoon game.

Hurricane Ivan already has forced the postponement of two Top 25 games. No. 10 California was scheduled to play at Southern Mississippi on Thursday night and No. 24 Louisville was slated to play Tulane at the Superdome in New Orleans on Saturday.

Auburn-LSU is one of two heavyweight contests in the Southeastern Conference on Saturday, as No. 12 Tennessee visits No. 13 Tennessee, with the winner clearing a major hurdle toward an Eastern division title.

In other Top 25 action on Saturday, No. 1 Southern California is at BYU, No. 2 Oklahoma plays host to Oregon, and No. 3 Georgia faces Marshall, which gave Ohio State a scare last week.

The ninth-ranked Buckeyes are at North Carolina State. No. 4 Miami gets a bit of a break after its big win over Florida State by hosting Louisiana Tech. While the eighth-ranked Seminoles also step down in competition with a home game against UAB.

No. 7 West Virginia looks to break a four-game losing streak to No. 21 Maryland in a Big East vs. Atlantic Coast Conference matchup.

Elsewhere, No. 12 Virginia hosts Akron; No. 15 Utah is at Utah State; No. 16 Iowa visits Arizona State; No. 17 Michigan plays host to San Diego State; and No. 19 Fresno State, coming off an impressive win, plays Portland State.

Two ranked Big Ten teams face potentially tricky road games with No. 20 Wisconsin at Arizona and No. 22 Minnesota visiting Colorado State.

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Cavanaugh vs. Walsh

Cavanaugh coach Lou Perry is hoping to create order out of the chaos when the team faces the Wild Women of Walsh this Sunday at 2 p.m. Walsh is recollecting the images from last season and believes its team exudes enough confidence that will prove to be unstoppable in this Sunday's match-up.

“Our experience and sell talent is one of our biggest selling points," Walsh captain, Carrie Campbell said. "We are more confident on the field this year.”

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The Wild Women are depending upon its seasoned seniors Amanda Borys, Katie Hesmond and Nicole Rapagnani for defense while seniors Maureen Breen Phillips, however, won't have all of the hard work, the team has also improved fundamentally. "Our team is a lot faster this year," Heath said. "Hopefully we'll be coming down without a fight."

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The team is hoping that its trio can stop the Chaos, who are led by quarterback Lisa Better and senior receiver Kara Bailey.

Breen Phillips will lead the Bullfrogs' offense and defense for several years, and they show ambition, energy and skill at every practice," coach Nicole Rapagnani said. "I'm looking forward to a great season."

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on the defensive line are some Sigfried players to watch. Offensive and defensive lineman Kevin Phipps will provide bulk upfront for the Ramblers. "He is a force to be reckoned with," Hughes said.

On the Juggs side, Joe McCarthy, Jesse Greenwood and Mike Peters will lead the way. Along with those three, are two third-year returners who have been called "mining" heroes by their captain. They are offensive line members Patrick Valley and Jason Creek.

Both halls are pumped and prepared for the battle this Sunday. It should be a great battle between these two rivals.

St. Edward's vs. Zahm Both St. Edwards and Zahm would like to get their season off to a good start, as last year they were looking up at Sigfried and Knot at the top of the Blue League standings. St. Edward's and Zahm both feel as if they have improved immensely this year, and are ready to give the Ramblers and the St. Edsmen their money this season.

Defense should be the strength of the Stedmens this year. "We have a good overall team defense," Stedmens Matt Webber said. Nick Stueber and Mike Giampa, both returning four-year starters, have been called "mining" heroes on both sides of the ball this Sunday.

"These two guys are the anchor of our team," Webber said.

"We're also on the lookout for captain Joe Pomeraniak, who is a force for the Stedmens." As for Zahm, captain Kyle Jones feels that the Rabid Bats will be much improved this year. "We seem to have a lot of depth and speed on the teams this year. We're still expected to be a lot better than before," Jones said. The Rabid Bats have been knocked out of the playoffs in the last three years in a row.

"Be on the lookout for our fullback, Eric Tarnowski," Jones said. "The strength of our team this year is going to be our offensive line, which is especially strong this season," Jones said. Looking around the league it seems as if most of the other dorms have small, but quick, offensive lines this season, so Zahm will have to wait to see if it's strength prevails. The two teams open up their respective seasons this Sunday at 3 p.m. The game will be played at Riehle field.

"Our defense carries us." Aaron Ronsheim

The Morrissey captain has seen his team defeated in the playoffs by eventual champi Stiegfried each of the past two seasons. This year, the Stedmens want to build on past accomplishments, and their quest begins this Sunday at 3 p.m against the Stiegfried squad.

"Wait till you guys see this defense," Nick Phipps said. "We're going to make a statement this year." As for the Mob, they come into this game with the strength of their offense. Nick O'Neill never done before," Mob captain Michael Milligan said.

In order to start their resurgence, however, O'Neill will have to deal with a Morrissey squad that is expected to be as potent defensively as it is stingy defensively.

"The Mob can't get over the hump," Ronsheim, whose team went 3-0 last year, said. "We want to make a statement this year." As the Mob, they come into this season's 1-3 record with the strength of their offense.

Kevin vs. Alumni A huge loss is never easy to forget. Keough learned this the hard way last season after being crushed by Alumni 27-0 last year. With the teams set to butt heads again in Sunday afternoon's 2 p.m. season opener, the Kangaroos will take the field with one thing on their mind — revenge.

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"We're going to start the run. Milligan said. "We will have a real good chance."" We're going to try to establish the run," Milligan said. "We're planning on using a 'conference' formation to try to control the clock with halfback Brandon Turner at quarterback.

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ed two consecutive national championships. Traditionally, the Spartans have notched wins against the Irish, holding the advantage in the series record 7-3.
On Saturday, Notre Dame was scheduled to face No. 2 USC. University officials announced Thursday that the Trojans were withdrawing from this weekend’s invitation due to “safety issues and travel difficulties as a result of the severe weather conditions in the Southeast caused by Hurricane Ivan and the upcoming Hurricane Jeanne.”
Host South Carolina (5-2) will bring a great presence to the court on Sunday when they meet the Irish. Competing in front of a home crowd, the Gamecocks are playing for pride and are expected to impress. Wake Forest (3-1) and Duke (3-0) were the only teams to beat the Gamecocks this season. Last year, South Carolina beat No. 15 Notre Dame last season in four close matches, 30-26, 30-27, 24-30, 31-29.
This whirlwind weekend should be an opportunity for Notre Dame to prove what a solid and capable team they are.
At the Cal Poly Invitational last weekend, the Irish captured the championship title over Fresno State, Cal Poly, and Sacramento State. Statistically, the Irish were at their best this season, recording 59 kills — almost 20 per game — and registering a 311 hitting percentage.
Junior middle blocker Lauren Brewster earned the title of tournament MVP after registering 3.82 kills per game and recording a 3.72 hitting percentage. She also contributed 28 digs, 18 blocks, and four aces during the two matches.
Her efforts in the Invitational also demonstrated to Big East officials that she was deserving of her fourth Big East player of the week honor. Last week, Brewster tallied three double-doubles in four matches last week, totaling 60 kills on a .336 hitting percentage. She also averaged 1.62 digs per game.
Junior outside hitter Lauren Kelbley was also named to the Cal Poly All-Tournament team after notching 4.00 kills per game and seven service aces.
With talented individuals like Brewster and Kelbley leading the team, the Irish should be a formidable force this weekend.
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Men’s Golf
Irish return home, but lose Gustafson
No. 1 golfer injured in team car crash
Thursday afternoon
By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer
Notre Dame will be back in action this weekend despite a car accident Thursday that left Scott Gustafson, one of the team’s best players, injured.
The team was headed to Bridgman, Mich., to practice on the Lost Dunes Country Club course for the Notre Dame Invitational, the first regular season tournament hosted by the squad in 17 years this weekend.
The field of competitors will attempt to serve as a preview of the NCAA Regionals; with all teams anticipated to qualify for the NCAA even playing this weekend. Including No. 24 Texas A&M and No. 25 Southern Methodist University. The three-day event will kick off Friday at the Lost Dunes Country Club in Bridgman, Mich., before returning to the Warren Golf course on campus for the 36 holes Saturday and Sunday.
Serving as host should serve as a great advantage for the Irish. Surprisingly, Notre Dame will likely have a much more pronounced advantage at Lost Dunes, where they have played a few times, than at Warren, where they play every day.
“Lost Dunes, the difficulty lies in the greens, and it takes a lot of time to figure out the greens,” Irish assistant coach Chris Whitten said. “Our advantage at Warren should be minimal.”
Whitten hopes for good things to come from going against such strong competition this early in the season, especially coming off Notre Dame’s trip to the NCAA Regionals last season.
Everyone is working on the right things.
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the Hoyas lightly. "You aim to win every game, and then after that, you've just got to get on with it," Clark said. "Once you start talking a score — what you think it's going to be — that's when you start getting into problems.

Part of that approach encompasses a focus more on the Irish style of play than what the Hoyas will be trying to do Saturday night. "We've got to concentrate and play our game," Clark said. "You've got to be aware of the other team — that's key — but at the same time you've got to make sure you don't forget to play your game. That's going to be very important.

The Irish suffered their first loss of the young season Wednesday night in Bloomington, dropping a 2-0 decision to soccer powerhouse No. 1 Indiana (5-0-0). "I was disappointed with the final outcome, but there were a lot of positives," Clark said. "It was a tough game [with] both teams working very hard."

Notre Dame hung tough with the nation's top squad, nearly matching the Hoyas in total shots — Indiana registered ten while the Irish drilled nine — and out-cornering them six to two.

Clark points to the youth up front and undefined roles as possible explanations for Notre Dame's inability to capitalize on quality scoring chances thus far this year. "We made a decent amount of chances that we didn't convert," Clark said. "It's a young team and guys are still just fighting out exactly where they all fit in."

After the Irish nearly took an early lead on a ninth minute run by defender Jack Stewart, Indiana forward Jacob Peterson put the Hoosiers on the board eight minutes, fifteen seconds into the second half. Uncorking a shot just inside the box, Peterson's ball deflected off Stewart's foot and into the net, staking Indiana to a 1-0 lead.

The Irish refused to give in, nearly converting a pair of scoring opportunities before Indiana took advantage of Notre Dame's aggressive play and effectively put the game out of reach on a fast-break goal by midfielder Brian Plotkin.

The 2-0 Hoosiers shutout marked the fifth consecutive time that the Notre Dame/Indiana contest has ended with at least one team falling to score. The Irish downed the Hoosiers 1-0 at Alumni Field last season marking the fifth consecutive time that a Notre Dame/Indiana contest has ended with at least one team falling to score.

The Irish downed the Hoyas 1-0 at Alumni Field last season on an overtime goal by defender Kevin Goldthwaite. Following the Georgetown contest, the Irish travel to Morgantown, W. Va., next Thursday to face West Virginia.

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for those teams that we take for granted a little bit," she said. "A big team like UConn is always a great team against us ... but we haven't played [Syracuse] in a long time so you tend to forget about teams like that."

This will be the first game Notre Dame has played with the distinction as the top-ranked team in the country. Tancredi feels that now opposing teams have even more motivation when they play the Irish.

"It doesn't matter what number we are, we always seem to have good competition against us," Tancredi said. "But it's always going to be a hard game, each game we play [ranked No. 1]."

Despite the challenges of playing for a targeted team, Tancredi was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week for the second consecutive week. However, she attributes her own accolades to a tougher mentality of team's defense as a whole. "Our [team] has dedication to not allowing teams to having any shots on goal, taking that seriously, taking it to heart when we actually get scored on."

The Irish have more good news as well. After a rash of injuries, slowly but surely, the team is getting healthier. Irish forward Candace Chapman, who missed all of the 2003 season with a knee injury, has returned with vengeance. Chapman is tied for the team lead in goals with five, and has done so, not as a starter but providing the spark off the bench.

"You get on the field, you work as hard as you can, and then you switch it up and new people go."

Clark said. "It's a young team and guys are still just fighting out exactly where they all fit in."  Tancredi said. "If you have to try to do as much as I can, you just have to work harder every minute that you get."

Notre Dame will also see the return of a promising freshman, Jannica Tjder, who has also been sidelined with an injury for the better part of this season. Waldrum, for one, is anxious to have her back on the field.

We're going to try and get her some time this weekend. She looked good in training, she's completely healthy, but she's close." Goalkeeper Erika Bohn will likely return to the Irish net this weekend as well. Waldrum started freshman Lauren Karax in last week's game against Arizona State and is leaving his options open for the coming weekend.

"We'll probably start Erika on Friday and then just see how it goes."  Waldrum said. "It's really easy to put young players in games that don't mean a lot, but we wanted to see her in a meaningful game. I think the competition has been very close. I don't know if we'll split games or split halves but the games will dictate that."

Tonight's game is set for 7 p.m. and Sunday's is slated to start at 1 p.m.

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After igniting the Irish to an upset victory over the Wolverines last weekend, freshman Darius Walker hopes to repeat that success in East Lansing against the Spartans Saturday.
Spartans game a crossroads for ND

Think back to the Michigan State game during the 2002 season. The No. 12 Irish were 3-0 and coming off a 25-23 statement win over No. 7 Michigan. The Spartans had defeated the Irish in the previous five matchups between these teams. And it looked like that streak would extend to six. Michigan State receiver Charles Rogers made a circus catch in the back of the end zone to put the Spartans ahead 17-14 late in the fourth quarter. It turned out the Irish, for once in this series, had a big play of their own.

Pat Dillingham, filling in for an injured Carlyle Holiday, hit an open Arnaz Battle who got a block from Gary Godsey and sprinted down the left sideline to give the Irish a miraculous 21-17 win.

That play, that win, kept the Irish on the upset. But holding true to some explainable reason, the Spartans always seem to play their best game against the team.

Brady Quinn relieved Holiday, couldn't complete the comeback and became the eventual starter next week at Purdue en route to a disappointing 5-7 campaign. "I think this team has some belief in the start of big things to come in 2002," Holiday said. "I feel that was the start of big things to come in 2002."

Now think back to last year's game against Michigan State. The Irish were 1-1 and coming off an 8-35 embarrassment at Michigan. Meanwhile, the Spartans were 2-1 and coming off an embarrassing loss of their own — a 20-19 defeat at the hands of WAC "powerhouse" Louisiana Tech.

The Spartans had a plus-5 turnover margin, but Louisiana Tech scored 13 points in the final 69 seconds of the game to pull off the upset.

The Spartans appeared to be the perfect medicine for a beaten-down Irish team.

For some explainable reason, the Spartans always seem to play their best game against the Irish. Holiday said the closeness of the games stays in his finger on it.

But Brandon Hoyte couldn't care less about what happened in the past. "It's going to be their season turnaround," he said Tuesday. "It's going to be their 2004 team against our 2004 team. It simply will come down to this: the team that plays the best will win."

So what does all this mean? For some explainable reason, the Spartans always seem to play their best game against the Irish.

"That's the attitude this team needs to take. The Irish did it last week against the Wolverines. They were the best team on the field and didn't focus too much on the opening-week loss. Now they have the chance to continue their season turnaround." Once again, the Spartans will have a major impact on which way this season heads.

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Darius Walker wears the number 3 and lifts the hopes of the Irish faithful

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It didn't even want it. But when Darius Walker got to Notre Dame, he received a jersey with the number three — and, would some say, the expectations that came with it.

"I guess it worked out for me," Walker said.

The situation is too much of a coincidence. The true freshman from Georgia jumped from promising high school to promising AA title in his final three seasons, dominating opponents by wide margins. And though Walker was an integral part of the offense, the team didn't need to keep all of the responsibility on their star back's shoulders.

"It was very seldom to carry the ball 30 times in high school," Walker said. "So the (Michigan) game was very rough."

Walker carried the ball 31 times against the Wolverines. He hit open holes and gained solid yardage, said especially for a team that had rushed 22 times for just 11 yards in the previous weekends 20-17 loss to BYU.

"He loves playing the big game," running backs coach Buz Preston said. "He's hungry to do great things."

Walker was able to score a record 46 touchdowns in high school, breaking the Georgia state rushing record of 45 held by former NFL running back, Herschel Walker — no relation.

But Darius Walker's familiarity with the endzone did not show when he commented on the two he put up at the Michigan defense Saturday.

"It was my first two college touchdowns, so it's a little sentimental for me," he said. "I couldn't believe that I was out there at first, and then to score a touchdown made it a little crazy for me."

He said he named the first freshman to rush for two touchdowns since quarterback Matt Leinart did it in a November 2000 win over Southern California. He was also the first freshman running back to rush for that many rushing yards.

"It was just about what I expected to see from him," Williams said.

But the workload Walker shared the weight of a program's expectations has brought unprecedented media attention to the wide-eyed 18-year-old. The true freshman from high school, he said. "I guess I was No. 7 in high school, but I know it wasn't a 246-pound middle linebacker."

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COACHING

Willingham's team showed tremendous improvement in its win against Michigan, while his staff demonstrated innovation in the offensive playcalling. As a graduate of Michigan State, the Irish coach will be hoping to get a win over his alma mater.

QUARTERBACKS

Quinn didn't win any style points during his start against Michigan (10-for-20 with three INTs), but he did pick up the win. Currently in his second year as the signal-caller for the Irish, he has shown flashes of brilliance but still needs to work on consistency.

IRISH RUSHING

Walker had an impressive debut against Michigan Saturday, rushing for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Grant will probably see playing time as well, and both Powers-Neal and Wilson are other options in the running back rotation.

IRISH PASSING

Quinn didn't have to throw as often in Notre Dame's win over the Wolverines. He threw three interceptions, but two were off his receivers' hands before being picked off. He completed several long balls, but missed on some plays that could have been TDs.

Michigan State: 2-1

The Spartans have the worst rushing defense in the Big Ten, having allowed 410 yards on the ground so far this season. Smith and Harmon rank second and third on the team in tackles — considering both are safeties, that's not a good thing for a rushing defense.

Michigan State has the 29th best passing defense in the nation, allowing opponents just 167 yards per game. Harmon has one interception so far this year, after being named an honorable-mention all-Big Ten selection in 2003.

Michigan State, 17-10-0 overall, 4-8-0 in the Big Ten, is in the midst of a seven-game losing streak.

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AME

This game has all of the potential to be scary for the Irish, which is enough reason for them not to overlook a bad Spartans team. The defense gives the offense enough time to get in a flow and blow this one open in the second half against a Michigan State defense that can't stop the run or the pass.

Throw out the history for this one. It doesn't matter what Michigan State's done to Notre Dame in the past, these teams are clearly mismatched. The Irish should run the football all matter what Michigan State's done to Notre Dame in the past, these teams are clearly mismatched.
The Irish staffed Michigan's rushing attack, even while focusing on covering the Wolverines' wide receivers. Notre Dame's defensive line caused chaos in the Michigan backfield, stopping the running backs before they could even get going.

Teague has rushed for 160 yards in 23 carries, and the Spartans have averaged 4.8 yards per carry. However, they have yet to face a defensive unit that is the caliber of Notre Dame's sixth-ranked rushing defense.

The Spartans have a slightly better rushing attack than Michigan, but Notre Dame's strength on defense is its linebackers and defensive line. If you like Tuck and Laws cannot get penetration, it could be a long day for the Spartans running backs.

Notre Dame will struggle on the road against a team that always plays them tough. In the end, the Irish line will get the best of a Spartan front seven that struggled last week and Notre Dame will run the ball successfully. Quinn will step up to the task and be ready to play.

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Spartans Passing

Notre Dame's secondary stepped up against Michigan, effectively shutting down the Wolverines receivers. However, they had a difficult time on the road against BYU's aerial attack, allowing 285 yards.

Special Teams

Fitzpatrick hasn't missed a field goal or PAT so far, and his punts have been decent. Holiday and Arkansas have been doing a good job kicking off, and the Irish are good enough to get penetration, but the Irish line will get the best of a Spartan front seven that struggled last week and Notre Dame will run the ball successfully. Quinn will step up to the task and be ready to play.

Intangibles

The Irish have the night game and the home field advantage, but the Irish will pull it out as Brady Quinn has his first solid game of the season. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 23, Michigan State 13

In many ways, this game is more important for Williams than the Michigan game. How will Notre Dame respond against a team that doesn't look to be very good on paper? This one has the potential to be close, but the Irish have something to prove.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 16

John L. Smith

Spartans

Record: 1-1

AP: NR

Coaches: NR
Sizing up the Irish and the Spartans

**AVG PER GAME**  
**NOTRE DAME’S OFFENSE**  
**MICHIGAN STATE’S DEFENSE**  
- Total yards gained: 3294.5  
- Total yards allowed: 372  
- Rushing yards gained: 73  
- Rushing yards allowed: 205  
- Passing yards gained: 221.5  
- Passing yards allowed: 167  
- Kick return yards gained: 52  
- Kick return yards allowed: 40  
- Punt return yards gained: 45.4  
- Punt return yards allowed: 32  
- Yards per punt: 39.6  
- Punt blocks: 0  
- Turnovers lost: 2  
- Turnovers recovered: 5  
- Total points scored: 22.5  
- Total points allowed: 19  
- Michigan State yards penalized: 52  
- Notre Dame yards penalized: 46

**KEY MATCHUP**

**NOTRE DAME RUNNING BACKS**  
The Irish running attack came alive Saturday with the successful debut of true freshman Darius Walker (above). Walker’s 115 yards on 31 carries added an extra dimension to Notre Dame’s offense that seemed to catch Michigan off guard.

With Ryan Grant hopefully returning from an injury this week, the Irish could have a tandem of speed and power in Walker and Grant.

Going up against one of the poorer rushing defenses in the country Saturday, the Irish need to show they can move the ball on the ground.

**MICHIGAN STATE RUSHING DEFENSE**  
The Spartans’ rushing defense will have to show that it is better than its current 96th overall national ranking if Michigan State is to have any hope of beating the Irish.

Ronald Stanley (above) leads the team’s linebacker corps with 27 total tackles, and the senior will have to provide leadership to a unit that has allowed 419 total rushing yards to Rutgers and Central Michigan.

To prepare, the Spartans held Julius Jones to just 32 yards on 14 carries. They’ll need similar success against Walker and the other backs Saturday if they want to beat the Irish.

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**PAPA PREDICTS: Notre Dame 30, Michigan State 17**

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**Irish confident after big win last Saturday**

By JOE HETTLER

Sports Writer

The Irish have regained some swagger after last week's convincing win against Michigan.

"I think confidence is built over time, over repetitive play-making," Notre Dame linebacker Brandon Hoyte said. "I think last week we had that. On defense and on offense, we established that. You need to build on that as a team. It's not just going from play to play, but it's going from game to game."

Last season's devastating home loss to Michigan State -- the team's sixth defeat in its last seven games against the Spartans -- crushed Notre Dame's confidence and had a lasting effect for the rest of the 2003 season.

The Irish began the year with a disappointing loss to Brigham Young. Many said the team was "embarrassed" from their victory over the ranked Wolverines.

"To be honest with you, to be really blunt, I could care less about that last week against Michigan," head coach John L. Smith said. "That's what our leaders are preaching yesterday during our meetings. I don't think we did a good job with that last week against Michigan.

"No. 8 Michigan. But the Irish are not worried about a letdown. "To be honest with you, to be really blunt, I could care less about that last week against Michigan," head coach John L. Smith said. "That's what our leaders are preaching yesterday during our meetings. I don't think we did a good job with that last week against Michigan."

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn agreed that the team wasn't wasting effort thinking about crushing the Wolverines. "We're not trying to stay too high after the Michigan wind. "We've always believed in our football team. If we continue to do things, I've been on record as saying that at some point our offense will start to step up and will start to play better."

"We're still not there. We still have a long way to go before we can beat a team that I would hope and expect we will always believe in our football team. If we continue to do things, I've been on record as saying that at some point our offense will start to step up and will start to play better."

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Hoyte said the players never doubted themselves, even after the BYU defeat. "With all due respect, all of the people in the press room, not the players, are surprised," he said. "Everyone talks, everyone has their own opinion about what the Irish is all about. "But the fact is what goes on in that locker room as far as the focus and the mentality and the understanding of what needs to be done, we don't doubt ourselves. We understand what needs to be done day in and day out, especially on Saturdays."

Now the Irish hope to carry that confidence into East Lansing when they battle Michigan State Saturday evening.

Hoyte said to do that, the team hasn't wasted time enjoying the Michigan win. They turned their focus to this week's opponent Sunday morning. "To be honest with you, to be really blunt, I could care less about that last week against Michigan," head coach John L. Smith said. "That's what our leaders are preaching yesterday during our meetings. I don't think we did a good job with that last week against Michigan."

But Notre Dame bounced back in convincing fashion, upsetting No. 8 Michigan at home last weekend. In that game, Notre Dame overcame a 9-0 first-half deficit and scored 21 points in the fourth quarter. The offense moved the ball and the defense suffocated the Spartans' offense.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said he and the coaching staff made no significant changes between the BYU and Michigan games. "We stayed the course more than anything else," the third-year coach said. "We have always believed in our football team. We believe in their ability to do things. I've been on record as saying that at some point our offense will start to step up and will start to play better."

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Fantastic finishes mark Irish-Spartans rivalry

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN

Sports Editor

The big play has historically decided these games.

The last five contests between Michigan State and Notre Dame have been decided by game-winning touchdowns coming from 40 or more yards out late in the fourth quarter.

The Irish will face a Michigan State (1-1) team that is coming off a 24-7 win over Central Michigan.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, faces the Spartans after a big win at home over then-No. 8 Michigan. But the Irish are not worried about a letdown.

"The win against Michigan was great but it means nothing right now," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "We have to go up there and we are not focused they can easily embarrass you. So that's our focus right now.

"That's what our leaders are preaching and that is what our coaches were preaching yesterday during our meetings. I don't think we are going to let this one slip by mentally. We are going to be geared in and ready to go."

The Irish must prepare for Spartans quarterback Steve Beaves, a redshirt freshman, who will get the start according to coach John L. Smith.

Beaves started last week against Central Michigan, going 9-for-19 for 183 yards and one touchdown. However, he was replaced in the fourth quarter by Drew Stanton, who went 7-for-19 and ran for 43 yards on two carries.

"Beaves and Stanton, who rushed for 74 yards and 68 yards, respectively, against the Chippewas, lead the Spartans in the rushing game. Receiver Kyle Brown caught six passes for 123 yards and a touchdown."

But the story of the game was the Spartans' rushing defense -- they gave up 236 yards on the ground, including 170 yards to Jerry Seymour.

Despite the numbers, the Irish know Michigan State will play them tough, especially when looking back to the history of the rivalry.

Last season, the Irish were ousted at home, 22-16, when Greg Taplin returned an interception 40 yards with 6 minutes, 55 seconds left in the game.

Notre Dame linebacker Mike Golic said he knows the Spartans always come to play against the Irish.

"I think just talking about it [Sunday] it's just one of those cases where they just play their hearts out against us and they give us everything they got in year in and year out," he said.

Michigan State defensive back Tyrell Dortch called this game a "must-win" for the Spartans.

"It's a big game for us," Dortch said of the matchup against the Irish. "We need to win the game."

And the Irish know what they will be in for when they travel to East Lansing, Mich., to face the Spartans Saturday evening.

"It seems like the whole time I've been here they've been great games coming down to the wire," said Golic, a fifth-year senior. "Hopefully that won't be the case this year but we're preparing for another tough game." For Willingham, it is special to play against his alma mater for the third straight year, but that doesn't mean he will show his fondness for the school during the game.

"It's not just another team," Willingham said. "I've got some pretty good memories from my days at Michigan State. You have a fondness for that, you have a fondness for the University and you have great respect for it."

"But, once again, when the official blows the whistle, there will be no thoughts about the fondness of Michigan State."

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ND SOCCER

Big (East) weekend

No. 14 men meet Georgetown at home, No. 1 women face UConn

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The No. 14 Irish hope to rebound from Wednesday night's 2-0 loss to in-state rival No. 9 Indiana when they welcome Big East rival Georgetown to Alumni Field Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. The contest marks the first of a four-game stretch against conference opponents for Notre Dame (3-1-1).

Last season, the Irish edged the Hoyas 2-1 at Alumni Field on a cold September afternoon behind a pair of goals from graduated seniors Justin Detter and Devon Prescod. The contest turned ugly late in the second half.

Two Hoyos were sent off with injuries less than a minute apart, forcing the squad to play two men down for the remainder of the game.

While Georgetown (3-3-0) stumbled to an 11th-place finish of 13 Big East teams last season (8-9-2 overall, 3-7 in conference) and failed to qualify for the Big East tournament — Notre Dame took home the tournament crown — coach Bobby Clark and the Irish certainly aren't taking the Hoyas apart, forcing the squad to play two men down for the remainder of the game.

Irish forward Tony Megna, left, looks upheld against Evansville Sept. 10. Jenny Walz kicks the ball against Santa Clara Sept. 5 for the No. 1 Irish.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Challenges await Irish

Spikers travel to Gamecock Invitational

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish aren't ones to shy away from a challenge.

Already this year, the team held its ground versus preseason No. 2 Nebraska (3-0, 3-2), nearly upsetting the team in the second game. The Irish (4-3) will take on rival Michigan State Friday and host South Carolina Sunday.

Neither team looks to be a pushover.

Michigan State (3-1) started the season flawlessly, winning its Coca-Cola/MSU Volleyball Invitational and sweeping opponents Ohio, St. John's and Florida A&M. No. 6 Washington handed the Spartans their only loss of the season (8-9-2 overall, 3-7 in conference) and failed to qualify for the Big East tournament — Notre Dame took home the tournament crown — coach Bobby Clark and the Irish certainly aren't taking the Hoyos apart, forcing the squad to play two men down for the remainder of the game.

Irish freshman setter Ashley Tarutis serves against Nebraska Sept. 4.

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame begins a new chapter of the season this weekend as they debut in both Big East conference play and as the No. 1 team in the nation according to Soccer America magazine.

The Irish (6-0-0) travel to the East Coast this weekend to begin their conference schedule at Connecticut on Friday and then at Syracuse on Sunday. Notre Dame defeated Connecticut 2-0 last year and did not play against Syracuse.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said that conference play means that his team is now playing for more than just a ranking, but for positioning in the conference.

"You look at the season in phases," he said. "This is the second phase of the season and it takes on a little bit higher level of interest."

Defender Melissa Tancredi sees the elevated play as raising the stakes for Irish opponents.

"The Big East competition is really tough for us, especially..."